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GEORGE E. BROCK. JAMES J. STORROW.

Term Expires January, 1910.

DAVID A. ELLIS.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

January 7, 1907.

The meeting for the organization of the School Committee of the City of Boston for the current municipal year was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, January 7, 1907, being the first Monday in said month, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the senior member.

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MEMBER-ELECT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following communication was read:—

Board of Election Commissioners,
Old Court House, Court Square,
Boston, Dec. 22, 1906.

Thornton D. Apollonio, Esq.,
Secretary, School Committee.

Sir:

We hereby certify that at the city election held December 11, 1906, in Boston, David A. Ellis, 75 Dale Street, Boston, was elected member of the School Committee for the term of three years.

John M. Minton,
Melancthon W. Burlen,
David B. Shaw,
Alpheus Sanford,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

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All the members of the Board, viz., Messrs. George E. Brock, David A. Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny and James J. Storrow, were present.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The acting Chairman stated that the first business in order was the election of a Chairman, and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

The members as their names were called, respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

FOR JAMES J. STORROW: Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny and William S. Kenny—4.

Not voting: Mr. Storrow—1.

The Chairman declared Mr. James J. Storrow duly elected as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Storrow assumed the chair.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF MONEY ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, which involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF MONEY ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, which do not involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR JANITORS, ENGINEERS AND MATRONS ADOPTED.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Rules for Janitors, Engineers and Matrons of the Public Schools, and Regulations Governing the Use of School Buildings of last year, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

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ELECTION OF TREASURER.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation.

The Secretary called the roll, and the members as their names were called respectively stated that they voted as follows:

FOR GEORGE E. BROCK: Messrs. Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny and Storrow—4.

FOR WILLIAM S. KENNY: Mr. Brock—1.

The Chairman declared George E. Brock elected as Treasurer of the Corporation.

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REFERENCE BOOKS, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

The following communication was read:—

School Committee Rooms, Mason street.
Offices of the Board of Superintendents.
December 21, 1906.

To the School Committee:—

At a meeting of the Board of Superintendents held recently, it was

VOTED, To recommend that The History of the United States, by James Wilford Garner and Henry Cabot Lodge, with a historical review by James B. McMaster, Books I, II, III, and IV, be authorized for use as reference books in the high and Latin Schools, one copy to be furnished each school.

Respectfully submitted,
Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

City of Boston, In School Committee, Boston, Dec. 31, 1906.

Referred to the next School Board.

A true copy.

Attest:—
Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That The History of the United States, by James Wilford Garner and Henry Cabot Lodge, with a historical review by James B. McMaster, Books I, II, III, and IV, published by John D. Morris & Co., be authorized for use as reference books in the high and Latin schools, one copy to be furnished each school.

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NAMING OF OLD DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL.

The following communication was read:—

City of Boston, In School Committee,
December 31, 1906.

ORDERED, That the Old Dorchester

High School-house, now occupied by elementary classes, be named the Elbridge Smith School in honor of the first principal of the Dorchester High School.

Referred to the next School Board.

A true copy.

Attest:—

Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

The order passed by the following vote:—

Yeas: Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny and Storrow.

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AMENDMENT TO RULES.

The following communication was read:—

City of Boston, In School Committee,
December 31, 1906.

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:—

Section 83.—Renumber the section 84.

Add the following section.—Sect. 83. He may appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, such messengers as may be necessary for the prompt delivery of communications and small packages required to be transmitted by the Board and its officers.

Referred to the next School Board.

A true copy.

Attest:—

Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

The order passed.

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CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF TRUANT OFFICER.

The certification from the Civil Service Commission, under date of Dec. 26, 1906, of George A. Sargent, Philip Davis, Richard F. Quirk and John J. Sullivan, as eligible for appointment to the position of truant officer, and referred from the last School Board, was read.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brock, Philip Davis was elected to the position of truant officer, to date from Jan. 15, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, Richard F. Quirk was elected to the position of truant officer, to date from Jan. 15, 1907.

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL, DORCHESTER.

The following communication was read:—

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,
October 29, 1906.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested to provide a new high school to be situated, in the discretion of the Schoolhouse Commissioners, at some point in the Dorchester District, between the South Boston High School and the present Dorchester High School.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. December 27 came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:—

John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

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AMENDMENT TO RULES.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:—

Sect. 58. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:—

Sect. 58. He shall prepare all payrolls and examine all bills of expenditure, certify to their correctness in all respects, and prepare monthly requisitions on the city auditor for the payment of all payrolls and accounts which have been approved by the Board.

Sect. 60. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:—

Sect. 60. He shall carefully examine all requisitions for books, fuel, printing, postage, and materials of every description required for use by any officer or in any school, and, if approved by him, he shall affix his signature thereto and forward the same to the auditor to be filled. Requisitions for fuel and janitors' supplies shall be countersigned by the schoolhouse custodian.

Sect. 78. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:—

Sect. 78. He shall make no purchases except by written orders which shall be in duplicate. The original order shall be transmitted to and become the property of the party to whom the order is issued. The duplicate shall remain in the order book for the purpose of checking the bill when rendered. Orders shall be numbered consecutively.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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The following appointments and confirmations by the Superintendent, certined by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Angela M. Pearce, from Jan. 7, 1907.

Quincy District—Mary E. Fennelly, Jan. 3 and 4, 1907, two days. Veronica E. Doyle, from Jan. 7, 1907.

Robert G. Shaw District—Gertrude M. Glynn, kindergarten, from Jan. 8, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Alice M. Conley, from Jan. 7, 1907.

Winthrop District—Mary E. Fennelly, from Jan. 7, 1907.

Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dudley District—Stephen J. Murdock, assistant, Dec. 3 and 4, 1906, two days.

Wells District—Theresa C. Murray, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1906.

Placed on file.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Hugh O'Brien District—Louise Townsend, assistant.

Lewis District—Mabel G. Berry, first assistant, kindergarten.

Washington Allston District—Jessie A. Adams, assistant, kindergarten.

Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOL.

Charlestown High School—Assistant, Charles E. Quirk, from Jan. 7, 1907.

Approved.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

Mary M. Murphy.

Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the folowing-named teachers for the terms specified:

Adams District—Ellenette Pillsbury, assistant, from Jan. 2, until Apr. 2, 1907.

Agassiz District—Elvera M. Bloom, assistant, Jan. 2, 1907, one-half day.

Bowdoin District—Mary W. French, assistant, from Jan. 12, until Feb. 7, 1907.

Bunker Hill District—Kate T. Brooks, assistant, from Jan. 12, until May 12, 1907.

Eliot District—Nannie May, assistant, from Jan. 7, until Mar. 7, 1907.
Hancock District—Teresa L. Carlin, assistant, from Jan. 2, until Apr. 1, 1907. Honora T. O'Dowd, master's assistant, Jan. 2 and 3, 1907, two days.
Hyde District—A. Gertrude O'Bryan, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1906, until Jan. 2, 1907. Mary A. McKinlay, assistant, from Dec. 19, until Dec. 21, 1906, three days.
Lowell District—Mary W. Howard, assistant, from Jan. 12, until May 3, 1907.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Julia G. Leary, assistant, Dec. 12, 1906, one-half day; Dec. 18, 1906, one-half day.
Phillips District—Nellie M. Whitney, assistant, Jan. 2, 1907, one-half day.
Washington District—Mary E. Durgin, assistant, Jan. 2, 1907, one-half day.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of twelve hundred nineteen minors to be licensed to sell newspapers; of fifty-eight minors to be licensed to black boots, and of three minors to be licensed to act as pedlers.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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147 RUGGLES-STREET KINDERGARTEN.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 7, 1907, in response to the order passed at the meeting of Dec. 31, 1906, reporting that in his opinion it is desirable that the kindergarten in the Sherwin District now located in the premises numbered 147 Ruggles street be maintained.
Placed on file.

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INSTRUMENTS FOR MECHANICAL DRAWING CLASSES, EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 7, 1907, stating that he is in receipt of an urgent request from the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools that 150 sets of instruments for use in the first year mechanical drawing classes in the evening drawing schools be purchased, and recommending the passage of the following order:
ORDERED, That the sum of two hundred sixty-two and 50-100 dollars ($262.50) is hereby appropriated for the purchase of one hundred fifty sets of drawing instruments for use in the evening drawing schools.
The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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SALARY OF F. HELENE MAYO.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That F. Helene Mayo, an assistant in the Washington District, transferred thereto from the Parental School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from Jan. 14, 1907; that she be continued on this year of service until Oct. 16, 1907; and that beginning on that date with the sixth year of service in her rank she be advanced in accordance with the salary schedule until her maximum has been reached, subject to the provisions of the regulations with reference to promotional examinations.

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS TO ATTEND MEETING OF NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents be allowed to attend the annual meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association, to be held in Chicago, Ill., during the month of February, the expense to the city not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500).

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REFERENCE BOOK, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 4, 1907, recommending that Webster's International Dictionary of the English Language be authorized for use as a reference book in high and Latin schools.
Placed on file.
On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That Webster's International Dictionary of the English Language (Reference History Edition) by Noah Porter and W. T. Harris, published by G. and C. Merriam Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in high and Latin schools.

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EXPENDITURE FOR COURSE OF LECTURES, TEACHERS OF COOKERY.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 4, 1907, requesting that an expenditure of $25 be authorized to be applied in part payment for a course of lectures for teachers of cookery employed by the city.
Placed on file.
On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That an expenditure not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25) to be applied in part payment for a course of lectures for teachers of cookery employed in this city, is hereby authorized.

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EXPENDITURE FOR MAPS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 4, 1907, requesting that an expenditure of $4000 for the purchase of maps for the schools be authorized.
On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENT TO ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 4, 1907, stating that it has amended the First List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers of the Public Schools (revised) as follows:—
Page 7, High School (Ancient Languages) 671, Abby M. Fitz, name removed by request.
Placed on file.

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AMENDMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 4, 1907, recommending that the course of study for high schools (School Document No. 4, 1906), be amended as follows:—
Page 10. Add the following paragraph:—

Each head-master may, with the approval of the Board of Superintendents, begin classes in any subject on or before the first day in February of any year, and continue the same until the end of the school year. Pupils satisfactorily completing such partial courses shall be assigned such a number of diploma points as the Board of Superintendents may determine.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the course of study for high schools was amended accordingly.

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EXPENDITURE FOR ARITHMETIC MATERIAL, PRIMARY GRADE TEACHERS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 4, 1907, requesting that an expenditure of $470 for supplementary material for the assistance of teachers of arithmetic in primary grades be authorized.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid over to the next meeting.

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KINDERGARTEN FLOORS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 7, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Dec. 31, 1906, stating that the floors of the Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital are treated in practically the same way, viz., oil is first applied and thoroughly rubbed into the grain of the wood, and after it has dried the floors are then coated with wax finish which is rubbed to a polish with a weighted brush. In the opinion of the Custodian, while this process is suitable for a hospital floor, the attention required to keep floors so treated in good condition is so great that it would be impracticable to adopt this plan for kindergarten floors, and he believes that the method referred to in his communication of Nov. 19, 1906, viz., to treat such floors with a durable floor varnish thus making a smooth polished surface that can be swept daily with sawdust moistened with proper disinfectant, and mopped occasionally with a damp mop to remove any accumulations which may be on them, is preferable.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to treat the floor of one of the rooms occupied for kindergarten purposes in the Paul Revere School-house in the manner suggested by the Schoolhouse Custodian, and that the Custodian be instructed to report thereon from time to time.

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JANITORSHIP, BAILEY-STREET PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1907, reporting that Portable Building No. 70, located in the yard of the Bailey-street School-house was reopened for school purposes on Dec. 17, 1906, and recommending that Frank M. Murphy be appointed janitor of said building, to date from Dec. 17, 1906.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Frank M. Murphy to said position was approved, to date from Dec. 17, 1906.

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MEETINGS, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Custodian be requested to investigate and report in regard to extra meetings held in the English High School-house.

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USE OF DRILL HALL, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

An application was received from E. Howard George, Treasurer, South End Athletic League, under date of Jan. 2, 1907, for permission to occupy the drill hall in the English High School-house on Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1907, between the hours of 7:30 and 10 P.M., for the purpose of playing basket ball.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, approved subject to the usual conditions.

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USE OF DRILL HALL, PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

An application was received from Arthur I. Fiske, Head-Master of the Public Latin School, on behalf of the basket ball team of his school, for permission to occupy the drill hall in the Public Latin School-house, on Saturdays of January and February, 1907, between the hours of 2 and 5 P.M., for the purpose of practising.

Referred to the Secretary with instructions to confer with the Head-Master of the Public Latin School with reference to the advisability of selecting some other day than Saturday for occupying the drill hall for such purposes.

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TRANSFER OF AN APPROPRIATION.

Mr. William S. Kenny offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) is hereby transferred from the amount appropriated under the head of "Fuel and Light," School Committee, to the item "Repairs and Alterations of School Buildings," Schoolhouse Department.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote:—

Yeas: Messrs. Ellis, William S. Kenny and Storrow—3.

Nays: Messrs. Brock and Thomas J. Kenny—2.

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LUNCHES, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from sundry pupils in the English High School, under date of Jan. 2, 1907, calling attention to the management of the lunch service in that school, and alleging unsatisfactory conditions with respect thereto.

Referred to the Secretary for investigation and report.

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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, EDWARD EVERETT DISTRICT.

The Board took up for consideration the petition received at the meeting of Nov. 26, 1906, from Messrs. William Hoag, Linwood Lewis and E. H. Washburn, for the establishment of a new grammar school district in Dorchester. The petitioners having been duly notified that the Board proposed to consider said petition at this meeting, and their attendance invited if they desired to be heard on the subject, and no response having been received to such notice, the petition was placed on file.

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The Board then proceeded to consider the following order introduced by the

Superintendent at the meeting of Nov. 26, 1906, and laid over for further consideration:

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide additional elementary school accommodations for pupils of the lower grades, in the vicinity of Savin Hill, by the erection of a new building of adequate size; and this Board hereby designates the Edward Everett District as the district within which such accommodations are to be provided.

The order passed.

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AMENDMENT TO RULES.

Mr. Ellis offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 13. Strike out the section and substitute in place thereof the following:

Sect. 13. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, except during July and August.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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DANCING PARTIES, LOCAL PRIZE DRILLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board proceeded to consider the communication received from the Superintendent at the meeting of Nov. 26, 1906, transmitting a vote of the Head-Masters' Association recommending to the School Committee that dancing parties in connection with local prize drills be discontinued.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the matter was referred to the Superintendent with full power to regulate the same.

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SCHOOLHOUSE CUSTODIAN.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was instructed to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the names of candidates eligible for appointment to the position of Schoolhouse Custodian.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:19 o'clock P. M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

January 11, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board proceeded to the election of an Assistant Superintendent for the term ending Aug. 31, 1907.

The members as their names were called by the Secretary respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

FOR ROBERT E. BURKE: Messrs. Brock, Ellis and Storrow—3.

FOR AUGUSTUS D. SMALL, Head-Master of the South Boston High School: Messrs. Thomas J. Kenny and William S. Kenny—2.

The Chairman declared Robert E. Burke elected Assistant Superintendent for the term specified.

ELECTION OF SCHOOLHOUSE CUSTODIAN.

Pursuant to the action taken at the previous meeting, the Secretary submitted a communication from the Civil Service Commission, under date of Jan. 11, 1907, certifying the following-named persons as eligible for appointment to the position of Schoolhouse Custodian: Mark B. Mulvey, David A. Chapman and Edward C. Baldwin.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board proceeded to the election of a Schoolhouse Custodian.

The members as their names were called by the Secretary respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

FOR MARK B. MULVEY: Messrs. Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny and Storrow.

FOR EDWARD C. BALDWIN: Messrs. Brock and Ellis.

The Chairman declared Mark B. Mulvey elected Schoolhouse Custodian.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills for the month of January, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

PARENTS' AND TEACHERS' UNION.

A communication was received from the Parents' and Teachers' Union, Edith M. Kettelle, President, under date of Jan. 7, 1907, requesting the Board to make public, through a school document, the name of each teacher and employee in the service of the School Committee, and the annual salary of each such person.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to reply thereto calling attention to the fact that lists of all city employees with their respective salaries are published annually.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 6:15 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

January 21, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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SALARIES OF JANITORS OF LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The Board proceeded to take under consideration the order laid on the table at the meeting of Oct. 29, 1906, establishing the salaries of janitors of Latin and high school-houses upon a schedule basis, and there appeared and were heard on the subject Mr. Mann, Head-Master of the West Roxbury High School; Mr. Eliot, Head-Master of the East Boston High School; Mr. Lincoln, Head-Master of the Dorchester High School; Mr. Clay, Head-Master of the Roxbury High School, and Mr. Turner, janitor of the latter building.

The Board took the matter under further consideration.

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EXPENDITURE FOR MAPS.

The Board proceeded to consider the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the meeting of Jan. 7, 1907, requesting that an expenditure of $4,000 for the purchase of maps for the schools be authorized.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication was laid on the table.

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EXPENDITURE FOR ARITHMETIC MATERIAL, PRIMARY GRADE TEACHERS.

The Board proceeded to consider the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the meeting of Jan. 7, 1907, requesting that an expenditure of $470 for supplementary material for the assistance of teachers of arithmetic in primary grades be authorized.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That an expenditure not exceeding four hundred seventy dollars ($470) for supplementary material for the assistance of teachers of arithmetic in primary grades is hereby authorized.

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EDUCATIONAL CENTRE, WILLIAM E. RUSSELL SCHOOL.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston, In Common Council,
January 10, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested by the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish an educational centre in the William E. Russell School on Columbia Road, Ward 16.

In Common Council, Jan. 10, 1907.
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.
William J. Barrett, President.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston, Mass.,
Jan. 14, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent.

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KINDERGARTEN FLOORS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Jan. 11, 1907, in response to the order passed at the meeting of Jan. 7, relative to treating the floor of one of the kindergarten rooms in the Paul Revere School-house in the manner suggested by the Schoolhouse Custodian in his communication of Nov. 19, 1906. This communication states that the Schoolhouse Commission does not believe that varnish is a suitable material to use on hard wood, class-room floors, and if successive coats were applied year after year, it would be necessary before long to remove them altogether down to the bare wood and then revarnish. It is the policy of the Commission to finish the new rift hard pine floors with nothing but oil, which treatment has been found to be satisfactory during the four years it has been tried. It disapproves of washing except very occasionally, and then with damp cloths rather than with any amount of water.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the communication was placed on file, and the Secretary directed to call the attention of the Schoolhouse Commission especially to kindergarten floors and to ask whether the use of oil on these floors is expedient.

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DEATHS.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teachers which occurred on the date set opposite each name:—

Agassiz District—Mary E. Stuart, assistant, Jan. 18, 1907.

Eliot District—Nannie May, assistant, Jan. 15, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

Normal School—Robert E. Burke, master, Jan. 14, 1907.

Dudley District—Frances Zirngiebel, assistant, Dec. 31, 1906.

Phillips Brooks District—Kathie H. Emery, assistant, Jan. 21, 1907.

Winthrop District—Helen DeS. Regan, assistant, Jan. 21, 1907.

Manual Training Schools—Olive I. Harris, assistant instructor, Jan. 8, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfer by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bigelow District—Mary L. Murphy, from Jan 17, 1907.

Bowdoin District—Elsie R. Cowdrey, from Jan. 2, 1907.

Christopher Gibson District—Lillie M. Redfern, from Jan. 9, 1907.

Dillaway District—Mary A. G. Jones, from Jan. 9, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—M. Louise Costello, from Oct. 10, 1906.
John A. Andrew District—Eleanor A. Larivee, from Jan. 7, 1907.
Lincoln District—John C. Riley, from Jan. 2, to Jan. 4, 1907, three days. Grace F. Cunningham, from Jan. 14, 1907.
Lowell District—Helen T. Carmody, from Jan. 2, 1907. Laura F. Haley, from Jan. 21, 1907.
Phillips Brooks District—Gertrude P. Stephan, from Jan. 21, 1907.
Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

East Boston High School—Elizabeth H. Norman, assistant, from Dec. 4, to Dec. 21, 1906, inclusive.
Mary Hemenway District—Mary H. Leavey, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1906.
Minot District—Gertrude A. Power, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1907.
Wells District—Maizie E. Wilson, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ON PROBATION.

Eliot District—Louise M. DeVoto, assistant, from Jan. 16, 1907.
Phillips Brooks District—Constance Horsford, assistant, from Jan. 21, 1907.
Winthrop District—Elizabeth A. Welsh, assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 21, 1907.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dorchester High School—Carolyn M. Gerrish, assistant.
Lewis District—Marguerite G. Brett, first assistant, primary school. Annie L. Turner, assistant, kindergarten.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Central High School—Special teacher of penmanship, Charles T. Marsh, from Jan. 15, 1907.
Bigelow School—Assistants, Frances M. Carr, Oct. 30, 1906, one evening. Mary E. Porter, from Nov. 21, 1906. Nellie T. Gallagher, from Jan. 8, 1907. Interpreter, Anna Avieta, from Jan. 7, 1907.
Bowdoin School—Assistant, Mary E. Kinsley, from Jan. 9, 1907.
Hancock School—Assistant, Helen L. Leahy, from Jan. 14, 1907.
Wells School—Interpreters, Max I. Mydans, from Jan. 14, 1907. Sophie B. Myers, from Jan. 21, 1907.
Approved.

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TRANSFER.

Wells Evening Elementary School—Louise M. Foss, assistant, to the same position in the Hancock Evening Elementary School, to date from Jan. 21, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ATTENDANT IN A KINDERGARTEN.

Agassiz District—(Agassiz Kindergarten), Laura Breivogel, from Jan. 2, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ACTING PRINCIPALS, DILLAWAY AND HANCOCK DISTRICTS.

The Superintendent reported that he had designated the following-named teachers to take charge of the schools of the districts named from the date set opposite each, until the return of the principal of the district, or until the position of principal is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations:—
Dillaway District—Elizabeth M. Blackburn, master's assistant, from Jan. 2, 1907.
Hancock District—Honora T. O'Dowd, master's assistant, from Jan. 7, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—
Dorchester High School—Jane A. McLellan, assistant, from Jan. 2, until Jan. 22, 1907.
East Boston High School—Charles W. Gerould, master, Jan. 7, 1907, one day.
Girls' High School—Emerette O. Patch, assistant, from Jan. 2, until Feb. 11, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Helen A. Bragg, assistant, from Jan. 14, until May 14, 1907.
West Roxbury High School—Ellen F. G. O'Connor, special instructor of drawing, Jan. 17, 1907, one-half day.
Agassiz District—Mabel E. Smith, assistant, Jan. 9, 1907, one day.
Blackinton District—Sara F. Littlefield, assistant, from Jan. 7, until Apr. 1, 1907.
Bunker Hill District—Anna P. Hannon, assistant, from Jan. 11, until Mar. 29, 1907. Mary D. Richardson, assistant, from Jan. 21, until Mar. 1, 1907.
Charles Sumner District—Katharine M. Coulahan, first assistant in charge, Jan. 8, 1907, one-half day.
Christopher Gibson District—Florence A. Dunbar, assistant, from Jan. 13, until May 13, 1907. Edith M. Sandsbury, assistant, from Jan. 13, until May 13, 1907.
Comins District—Arthur A. Jordan, sub-master, Jan. 7, and 8, 1907, two days.
Dillaway District—Ellen M. Murphy, master, from Jan. 9, until Apr. 1, 1907. Ella M. Donkin, assistant, Jan. 25, 1907, one day. Mary E. Cole, assistant, Jan. 18, 1907, one-half day. Theresa B. Finneran, assistant, Jan. 9, 1907, one-half day.
Dwight District—Georgie M. Clarke, assistant, Jan. 2, until Jan. 11, 1907, eight days. Della L. Viles, assistant, Jan. 2 and 15, 1907, one-half day on each date; Jan. 8, 1907, one day, two days in all.
Emerson District—J. Willard Brown, master, Jan. 2, 1907, one-half day. James H. Leary, sub-master, Dec. 17, 1906, one-half day. Frances H. Turner, master's assistant, from Jan. 2, until Mar. 22, 1907.
Everett District—Clotilda A. Delany, assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 9, until Feb. 1, 1907.
Franklin District—Ruth C. Higbee, assistant, from Jan. 12, until May 12, 1907.
George Putnam District—Mabel L. Brown, assistant, Jan. 2, 1907, one-half day.
Hancock District—Ellen C. Sawtelle, master, from Jan. 7, until Jan. 21, 1907. F. Maud Briggs, assistant, Jan. 15, 1907, one-half day. Katharine M. Crowley, assistant, kindergarten, Jan. 7, 1907, one-half day.
Harvard District—Marcella C. Coyle, first assistant in charge, Jan. 7, until Jan. 11, 1907, five days. Mary C. Leonard, assistant, Jan. 9, until Jan. 18, 1907, eight days.
John A. Andrew District—Mary L. Fitzgerald, assistant, Dec. 11, 1906, one-half day. Mary C. Gartland, assistant, Jan. 10, 1907, one day. Helen M. Waterman, assistant, Jan. 16, 1907, one-half day.
Martin District—William W. Howe, sub-master, Jan. 14, 1907, one day.
Mary Hemenway District—Anna E. Leahy, assistant, Jan. 7, 1907, one day.
Mather District—Mary B. Corr, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1906, until Apr. 3, 1907.
Minot District—Annie H. Gardner, assistant, from Jan. 2, until Apr. 2, 1907.
Phillips District—Katharine J. Burke, assistant, from Jan. 2, until Apr. 2, 1907.
Phillips Brooks District—Catherine J. Sullivan, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1906, until

Jan. 16, 1907. Ellen L. Coughlan, assistant, from Jan. 2, until May 1, 1907.

Prince District—Inez A. Hunt, assistant, Jan. 25, 1907, one day.

Sherwin District—Sara M. Baker, assistant, Jan. 2, until Jan. 4, 1907, three days; Jan. 7, 1907, one-half day; Jan. 8, 1907, one-half day; Jan. 9, 1907, one-half day.

Shurtleff District—Winnifred C. Folan, first assistant, grammar school, from Jan. 12, until Mar. 9, 1907. Lillian M. Hall, assistant, from Jan. 12, until Apr. 12, 1907. Catherine A. Dwyer, assistant, Jan. 15, 1907, one-half day.

Thomas Gardner District—Charles F. Merrick, master, Jan. 15, 1907, one-half day. Marguerite L. Lillis, assistant, Jan. 9, 1907, one day. Mary A. Duston, assistant, Jan. 14 and 15, 1907, two days.

Thomas N. Hart District—Evelyn M. Condon, assistant, Jan. 2, 1907, one-half day; Jan. 3, 1907, one day. Laura J. Gerry, assistant, Dec. 12 and 13, 1906, two days. Mary F. Keyes, assistant, Dec. 13, 1907, one day.

Warren District—Walter J. Phelan, submaster, Jan. 7, 1907, one-half day.

Washington District—Anna E. Haley, assistant, Jan. 21, 1907, one-half day. Johanna J. O'Neill, assistant, Jan. 8, 1907, one-half day.

Wells District—Gertrude M. Dimick, assistant, Jan. 2, 1907, one day.

William E. Russell District—Mary G. Ellis, assistant, Jan. 16, 1907, one-half day.

Schools of Cookery—Mary C. Mitchell, instructor, Jan. 8, 1907, one-half day.

Manual Training Schools—Lillian M. Beckwith, assistant instructor, Jan. 14 until Jan. 21, 1907, six days.

Sewing—Helen C. Fisher, teacher, Jan. 15, 1907, one day.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of two hundred forty-nine minors to be licensed to sell newspapers; of ten minors to be licensed to black boots, and of one minor to be licensed to act as a pedler.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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TEMPORARY TEACHER, NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, stating that he finds that at the Normal School there is need of the employment of a temporary teacher during the remainder of the current schoool year, and that the service to be rendered can be acceptably performed by a teacher already in the service, and recommending the passage of the following order:—

ORDERED, That the employment of Isabella J. Ray, an assistant in the Emerson Elementary School, as a temporary teacher in the Normal School from Feb. 1, 1907, to the close of the school year, be authorized; Miss Ray to be paid at the same rate as if she were teaching as assistant in an elementary school. Be it further

ORDERED, That while Miss Ray, because of her service in the Normal School, is absent from her regular position in the Emerson School, her place in that school may be filled by a temporary teacher.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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COACHES AND INSTRUCTORS IN GYMNASTICS, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, stating that at a meeting of the principals of high schools held on Jan. 15, the subject of coaches and instructors in gymnastics in the high schools was discussed, and it was voted to request the School Committee to appoint two additional instructors in athletics, and to prohibit the employment of paid athletic coaches.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

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EVENING SCHOOL OF DESIGN.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, stating that owing to the fact that the attendance at the Evening School of Design has been for some time below that required for the maintenance of an evening school, it seems desirable that this school be discontinued on and after Jan. 25, and that the classes therein be transferred to the Warren-avenue Evening Drawing School, and recommending the passage of the following order:—

ORDERED, That the Evening School of Design be discontinued on and after Jan. 25, 1907, and that the classes therein be transferred to the Warren-avenue Evening Drawing School.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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NURSES, ELEMENTARY DAY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at its meeting of Dec. 31, 1906, relative to the desirability of nurses in the elementary day schools, and the number required for such service, reporting that it would require thirty-four nurses in order to render efficient service in all the elementary day schools, and stating that provision should also be made for securing a competent supervisory official.

Placed on file.

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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, PHILLIPS DISTRICT.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to take early action for the provision of additional elementary school accommodations at the West End, and this Board designates the Phillips District as the district in which such accommodations shall be provided.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MANUAL TRAINING, QUINCY DISTRICT.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide additional accommodations for manual training, and this Board hereby designates the Quincy District as the district in which such accommodations shall be provided.

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SALARY OF ANNIE E. HARRIS.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That Annie E. Harris, assistant in the Minot District, be placed upon the second year of service in her rank, to date from Jan. 21, 1907.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, stating that at the time of the San Francisco disaster, a committee was appointed to collect funds from the school children for the purpose of reconstructing school buildings in that city, and that he is now in receipt of a report from that committee stating that contributions were received and forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools of San Francisco as follows:—

Contributed by Boston schools	$3,377.56
Contributed by other schools	2,705.66
Interest allowed by Kidder, Peabody & Co.	99.59
	$6,182.81

Placed on file.

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REFERENCE MAP, ELEMENTARY, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 18, 1907, recommending that the Map of Massachusetts (Peerless Series) published by C. W. Bardeen (Syracuse, N. Y.) (formerly published by The Scarborough Company) be authorized for reference use in the elementary, high and Latin schools.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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REFERENCE BOOK, ELEMENTARY, NORMAL, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 18, 1907, recommending that School Hygiene, by Ludwin Kotelmann, translated and revised by John A. Bergestrom and Edward Conradi, published by C. W. Bardeen (Syracuse, N. Y.) be authorized for use as a reference book in the elementary, Normal, high and Latin schools, one copy to be supplied the principal of each school.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That School Hygiene, by Ludwin Kotelmann, translated and revised by John A. Bergestrom and Edward Conradi, published by C. W. Bardeen (Syracuse, N. Y.) be authorized for use as a reference book in the elementary, Normal, high and Latin schools, one copy to be supplied the principal of each school.

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REFERENCE GLOBES, ELEMENTARY, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 18, 1907, recommending that Hammett's twelve-inch Excelsior Globe with Meridian be authorized for reference use in the elementary and Latin schools; and that Hammett's twelve-inch Blackboard Globe with Meridian, be authorized for reference use in the elementary, high and Latin schools.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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COURSE OF STUDY, NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 14, 1907, stating that it has given careful consideration to the course of study in the Normal School, and it deems a few provisional changes desirable, and in order to carry these into effect the first of February, it recommends the adoption of the accompanying course of study.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the course of study referred to therein was adopted.

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LUNCHES, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

A report was received from the Secretary, under date of Jan. 11, 1907, of his investigation of the lunch service in the English High School, referred to him at the meeting of Jan. 7, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to furnish each member of the Board with a copy of the report.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Jan. 1 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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TRAINED NURSE, HANCOCK DISTRICT.

The Chairman presented a communication, addressed to him by Miss Edith G. Fabens, under date of Jan. 13, 1907, asking that the Board authorize the services of a nurse in the schools of the Hancock District for the remainder of the current school year under the direction of the Instructive District Nursing Association.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That permission is hereby granted the Instructive District Nursing Association to place a trained nurse in the schools of the Hancock District under the conditions governing the services of nurses in the Bowdoin, Quincy, Phillips and Wells Districts.

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HANCOCK EVENING SCHOOL PUPILS TO ATTEND MUNICIPAL CONCERT.

A communication was received from the principal of the Hancock Evening School, under date of Jan. 17, 1907, requesting that the pupils of his school be permitted to attend the concert to be given in Faneuil Hall by the Boston Municipal Orchestra on Monday evening, Feb. 4.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent with full power.

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PAYMENT TO RUSSELL G. FESSENDEN.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Russell G. Fessenden the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for services rendered in appraising the value of the Winthrop School Estate, on Tremont street, and of the estate on Mason street occupied by this Board for sundry purposes.

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PUPILS' CREDITS, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Secretary is hereby authorized to incur an expense not exceeding ten dollars ($10) for transcribing the records of credits given to pupils in the Central Evening High School for the term 1905-06.

JANITORS' ASSOCIATION.

A communication was received from the Janitors' Association, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, by its President and Secretary, applying for a uniform increase of ten per cent on the present schedule rate upon which janitors' salaries are based, and requesting that a hearing be granted a committee of the association on the subject.

Laid over to the next meeting, and the Secretary directed to give notice that the Board will then grant a hearing on the subject.

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REQUEST OF MR. W. C. MATTHEWS.

A communication was received from W. C. Matthews, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, requesting permission to collect certain data relative to colored pupils in the public schools located in Wards 18, 12, 10, 9 and 11.

Placed on file.

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USE OF DRILL HALL, PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL.

The Secretary, to whom was referred at the meeting of Jan. 7, 1907, an application from Arthur I. Fiske, Head-Master of the Public Latin School, on behalf of the basket ball team of his school, for permission to occupy the drill hall in the Public Latin School-house, on Saturday afternoons during January and February, 1907, for the purpose of practising, reported that he had conferred with Mr. Fiske on the subject, and that it did not appear to be practicable to occupy the drill hall for this purpose on any other day except Saturday.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the application was approved.

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USE OF BATHS, PAUL REVERE SCHOOL.

The Chairman presented a report setting forth that in accordance with the vote passed at the meeting of Dec. 31, 1906, he had agreed with the Bath Trustees that they shall be allowed to take charge of the baths in the Paul Revere School-house evenings, and keep them open for the use of the general public. The Bath Trustees are to reimburse the School Committee for the expense of electric lighting, and for the coal consumed in heating the building and the water for the baths. It has been agreed that the charge for the electric lights shall be twenty-five cents per hour, and that the Bath Trustees shall pay for half a ton of coal per night, the price charged for the coal to be the contract price paid by the School Committee. Bills for the electric lighting and coal are to be rendered to the Bath Department on the tenth of each month.

The Bath Trustees are also to employ the regular janitor of the building to take charge of the heating apparatus, and are to pay him themselves; and they are to hire two male attendants to take charge of the baths and clean the part of the building used on the four evenings per week during which the baths are to be used by men, and two female attendants during the two nights each week when the baths are to be used by women and girls. The Bath Trustees are to keep the baths open for the use of the public each week night, beginning tomorrow, January 22, 1907.

Placed on file.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT, PHILLIPS BROOKS SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Ellen M. Ford, under date of Jan. 7, 1907, requesting that the School Committee give consideration to her appointment as a permanent teacher in the Phillips Brooks School.

Referred to the Superintendent.

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REDUCTION IN QUOTA OF PUPILS, GRAMMAR CLASSES BOYS' SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents consider and report to this Board on the advisability of reducing by five the number of pupils assigned to each teacher in grammar classes composed exclusively of boys.

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USE OF SOUTH BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Evacuation Day Committee of the South Boston Citizens' Association be granted the use of the South Boston High School-house on March 18, 1907, for the annual Evacuation Day oration and exercises under the auspices of said association.

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BILL OF SAMUEL T. McCLENNAN.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian, relative to the bill of Samuel T. McClennan, janitor of the Nathaniel Hawthorne School-house for extra services performed by him in keeping up steam in that building from July 26 until Sept. 12, 1906, laid over at the meeting of Dec. 3, 1906, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, placed on file.

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AMENDMENT TO RULES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board took up for consideration a communication from the Janitors' Association received and laid over at the meeting of Nov. 26, 1906, relative to the suspension of janitors or engineers; also the order introduced by him and laid over at the meeting of Dec. 3, 1906, amending section 87 of the rules, relating to this matter.

The question came on the passage of the order amending section 87 of the rules.

Lost.

The communication was placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board adjourned at 10:55 o'clock p.m.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

January 29, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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JANITORS' ASSOCIATION.

The communication received from the Janitors' Association applying for a uniform increase of ten per cent on the present schedule rate upon which salaries of janitors are based; and requesting a hearing on said application, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up, and there appeared and were heard on the subject, Messrs. Patrick M. Connolly, President of said Association, Walter H. Bickford and Henry T. Allchin.

At the conclusion of the hearing, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the matter was laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENTS ON PROBATION.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

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REFERENCE MAP, ELEMENTARY, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

The Board took up for consideration the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of a map of Massachusetts for reference use in various schools.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Map of Massachusetts (Peerless Series), published by C. W. Bardeen (Syracuse, N.Y.), (formerly published by The Scarborough Company), be authorized for reference use in the elementary, high and Latin schools.

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REFERENCE GLOBES, ELEMENTARY, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

The Board took up for consideration the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of Hammett's twelve-inch Excelsior Globe with Meridian and Hammett's twelve-inch Blackboard Globe with Meridian for reference use in various schools.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the communication was placed on file, and on motion of the same member, it was

ORDERED, That Hammett's twelve-inch Excelsior Globe with Meridian be authorized for reference use in the elementary and Latin schools; and that Hammett's twelve-inch Blackboard Globe with Meridian, be authorized for reference use in the elementary, high and Latin schools.

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USE OF YARD, JAMES OTIS SCHOOL, DURING SUMMER.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, In Common Council,
January 24, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause benches to be placed in the Marion street yard of the James Otis School, East Boston, for the accommodation of children during the summer months.

In Common Council, Jan. 24, 1907.
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.
William J. Barrett, President.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston, Mass.
Jan. 25, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Schoolhouse Custodian for consideration and report, with instructions to submit a general plan for such use of school yards during the summer months.

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KINDERGARTEN FLOORS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Jan. 24, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its last meeting, relative to the treatment of kindergarten floors, stating that the oil it uses is not the so-called thick floor oil, but linseed oil which, when properly applied is rubbed perfectly dry, will not come off on the clothing, nor will it cause dust to adhere to it.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file together with the petition received at the meeting of Nov. 12, 1906; the report from the Schoolhouse Custodian received at the meeting of Nov. 19, 1906, and the report from the Director of Kindergartens received at the meeting of Dec. 17, 1906, on the same subject.

On motion of the same member, the Secretary was instructed to inform the signers of the petition received at the meeting of Nov. 12, 1906, for the better care of kindergarten floors, that such floors are swept daily with sawdust dampened with a disinfectant, and the best expert opinion seems to be that the washing of floors causes them to sliver and split, and the water soaking through the cracks creates unsanitary conditions that otherwise would not exist. The Schoolhouse Custodian was also instructed to issue a circular to janitors calling their attention to the rule requiring a daily sweeping of floors of rooms occupied for kindergarten purposes, and notifying them that the Board desires that the requirements of this rule be strictly complied with; and that he also give particular attention to the keeping of such floors in a clean and sanitary condition.

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STANDING OF TEACHERS, PARENTAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Children's Institutions Department, under date of Jan. 21, 1907, transmitting an application addressed to them by the teachers employed in the Parental School that they be allowed the same

standing as teachers employed in the public day schools with respect to the validity of certificates of qualification, eligibility for transfer, application of rules governing leaves of absence, and including of names in the school manual.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Everett District—Rebecca E. Carson, from Jan. 30, 1907.

Lowell District—M. Cecilia Power, Jan. 15, 1907, one day.

Phillips Brooks District—Martha L. Ireland, from Jan. 22, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—Irene A. Dooley, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Emerson District—Clara E. Nixon, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Manual Training—Mary I. Donlan, assistant instructor, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Roxbury High School—Edward L. Underwood, junior-master, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Lyman District—William A. Hoyt, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Mary H. Leavey, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Agassiz District—Katherine E. Cuffiin, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Brimmer District—Margaret M. Brennan, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907.

George Putnam District—Elizabeth A. Wood, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Quincy District—Alice M. Roche, assistant, from Feb. 4, 1907; Zelpha L. Thayer, assistant, fourth year, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Washington District—Katherine L. Driscoll, assistant, from Feb. 19, 1907.

Wells District—Mazie E. Wilson, assistant, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Manual Training—Ella L. Bresnehen, assistant instructor, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Subsequently, the following appointment made in accordance with the rules and regulations and an order passed by the Board, was presented:

Blackinton District—Everett L. Getchell, sub-master, from Feb. 5, 1907.

Approved.

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(By Promotion.)

Manual Training—I. Virginia Lyons, instructor, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Approved.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Everett District—Catharine T. Whalen, assistant.

Franklin District—Katherine E. Cotter, Harriet A. Glover, assistants.

Hancock District—Agnes G. Ryan, assistant, kindergarten.

John A. Andrew District—Maude E. McClure, assistant.

Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Eliot School—Assistant, Margaret R. Kenneally, from Jan. 7, 1907.

Drawing Schools—Assistant, Vesper L. George, from Jan. 28, 1907.

Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Agassiz District—Jessie A. Shaw, assistant, to the same position in the Prescott District, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Blackinton District—Hazel E. Poole, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Gilbert Stuart District, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Prescott District—Maud L. Parker, assistant, to the same position in the Agassiz District, from Feb. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Normal School—Alice M. Dickey, assistant, from Feb. 3 until June 3, 1907.

Brighton High School—Helen M. Hanscom, special assistant instructor in commercial branches, from Jan. 21 until Jan. 31, 1907, nine days.

East Boston High School—Emma B. Harris, assistant, from Feb. 1 until June 1, 1907.

Adams District—Annie A. Doran, assistant, from Jan. 10 until Apr. 1, 1907.

Bigelow District—Malvena Tenney, assistant, from Jan. 1 until May 1, 1907.

Blackinton District—Ruth Perry, first assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 21 until Jan. 23, 1907, three days.

Bowditch District—M. Louise C. Hastings, assistant, from Jan. 25 until Feb. 8, 1907, ten days. Delia M. U. Chapman, assistant, from Jan. 14 until Feb. 4, 1907, fifteen days.

Bunker Hill District—Cora V. Enwright, assistant, from Jan. 2 until Feb. 1, 1907. Angelia M. Knowles, assistant, from Jan. 2 until Mar. 22, 1907.

Dudley District—Mary H. Cashman, assistant, from Jan. 3 until Jan. 18, 1907, twelve days. Viola R. Marsh, assistant, from Jan. 10 until Jan. 31, 1907, fifteen days.

Dwight District—Mary E. Trow, assistant, from Jan. 21 until Jan. 23, 1907, two days.

Eliot District—Mary E. Hartnett, assistant, Jan. 17, 1907, one-half day. Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, from Feb. 1 until June 1, 1907.

Everett District—Minna L. Wentworth, assistant, from Feb. 8 until June 8, 1907.

Hancock District—Catherine C. O'Connell, Jan. 23, 1907, one-half day.

John A. Andrew District—Emma M. Cleary, master's assistant, Jan. 18, 1907, one day. Mary E. Keohan, assistant, Jan. 24, 1907, one day.

Longfellow District—Mary M. A. Twombley, assistant, Jan. 11, 1907, one day.

Rice District—Clara C. Dunn, assistant, Jan. 22, 1907, one day. Ella T. Gould, assistant, Jan. 15, 1907, one-half day.

Roger Wolcott District—Katharine H. Perry, first assistant, kindergarten, Jan. 24 and 25, 1907, two days.

Shurtleff District—Ella G. Fitzgerald, assistant, Jan. 23, 1907, one-half day.

Thomas Gardner District—Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, Jan. 11, 1907, one-half day.

Thomas N. Hart District—Mary B. Powers, assistant, Jan. 22, 1907, one-half day.
Washington District—James M. Murdock, first assistant, grammar school, Jan. 28, 1907, one-half day. Mary E. Durgin, assistant, Jan. 28, 1907, one-half day.
Wells District—Lula A. L. Hill, assistant, Jan. 17, 1907, one-half day.
Sewing—M. Lillian Dunbar, teacher, Jan. 22, 1907, one day. Agnes E. McDonald, teacher, from Jan. 14 until Jan. 28, 1907, ten days.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:
Bowditch District—Lena L. Carpenter, assistant, from Feb. 1, until May, 1, 1907.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of fifty-nine minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of four to be licensed to black boots.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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EXTRA SUB-MASTER, BLACKINTON DISTRICT.

The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That the employment of an extra sub-master in the Blackinton District is hereby authorized for the remainder of the school year 1906-07.
Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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PAYMENT TO STEPHEN J. MURDOCK.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Stephen J. Murdock the sum of sixty-five dollars ($65) for services rendered in the High School of Commerce between Jan. 2 and Jan. 18, 1907.

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CASTS, WARREN-AVENUE EVENING DRAWING SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be appropriated to clean and finish casts in the Warren-avenue Evening Drawing School, and to purchase additional casts for use in that school.

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COURSE OF LECTURES, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

The Superintendent offered the following:—
ORDERED, That Frank W. Noxon be employed to deliver a course of lectures in the High School of Commerce during the remainder of the current school year, and that he be paid therefor at the conclusion of the course the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250).
Mr. Storrow moved as an amendment that the compensation of Mr. Noxon be fixed at the rate of ten dollars ($10) for each lecture, the total expense for the course not to exceed two hundred dollars ($200).
The motion to amend passed.
The order as amended passed.

CLOSING OF TERM, EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent offered the following:—
ORDERED, That the term of the Charlestown, East Boston, Roxbury and South Boston Evening High Schools shall close on Thursday evening, Mar. 14, 1907, and of the Central Evening High, Evening Elementary and Evening Drawing Schools on Friday evening, Mar. 15, 1907.
Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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BEQUESTS OF CHARLES E. FRENCH.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Jan. 11, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at its meeting of Dec. 31, 1906, relative to the bequests of Charles E. French for the award of medals to deserving pupils in the public schools, stating that after careful reconsideration of the subject it is of the opinion that it is inadvisable to accept these bequests under the terms of the will, and therefore reaffirms its action of May 4, 1906. (See Minutes of 1906, p. 110.)
Laid on the table.

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JANITORSHIP, SHURTLEFF SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Shurtleff School-house, caused by the illness of the regular janitor, he had appointed William A. Kinsley, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Jan. 23, 1907.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Shurtleff School-house, caused by the illness of the regular janitor, he had appointed John L. Galway for a period of ten days or less, to date from Jan. 29, 1907.
Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO WILLIAM A. KINSLEY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, recommending that there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of $10 for services rendered as acting janitor of the Shurtleff School-house from Jan. 23 to 28, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of ten dollars ($10) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Shurtleff School-house from Jan. 23 to 28, 1907, inclusive.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Jan. 20 to 29, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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MEETINGS, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, pursuant to the action of the

Board at its meeting of Jan. 7, 1907, relative to extra meetings held in the English High School-house, stating that upon investigation he finds that from Jan. 15, 1906, to Jan. 30, 1907, nineteen permits covering one hundred and fourteen meetings were issued for the use of said building outside of regular school hours. The janitor received compensation in accordance with the schedule for about ten of these meetings, and for attendance at the other meetings no extra compensation. Because of the location of the building it is used for teachers' meetings and other meetings of an educational nature oftener than any other school-house in the city. The offices of the Directors of Drawing and Manual Training are located in the Public Latin School-house, but inasmuch as this building is not lighted, all of the teachers' meetings of these departments are held in the English High School-house.

On motion of Mr. Brock, laid on the table.

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COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING FIRST THREE GRADES.

A communication was received from the Commission appointed by the Board in June, 1906, to report its opinion as to desirable length of session, periods of recess, curriculum and on all other matters relating to the health of children attending the first three grades, transmitting such report.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed as a school document.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the thanks of this Board be extended to the members of the aforesaid Commission for the able and instructive report submitted by them and especially for the public spirit they have evidenced in undertaking this lengthy and important investigation at a considerable personal sacrifice of time and private practice.

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NURSE, ELIOT DISTRICT.

The Chairman presented a communication, addressed to him by Miss Edith G. Fabens, under date of Jan. 18, 1907, asking that the Board authorize the services of a nurse in the schools of the Eliot District for the remainder of the current school year under the direction of the Instructive District Nursing Association.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That permission is hereby granted the Instructive District Nursing Association to place a nurse in the schools of the Eliot District under the conditions governing the services of nurses in the Bowdoin, Quincy, Phillips, Wells and Hancock Districts.

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LUNCH SERVICE, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from Timothy A. Barrett, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, requesting that he be considered an applicant for furnishing the lunch service in the various high schools.

Laid on the table.

TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ATTENDANT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That transportation be provided for an attendant in order that Dewey Mitchell, residing in Allston, may attend the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children on St. Botolph street.

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SALE OF WINTHROP SCHOOL ESTATE

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:—

ORDERED, That it is advisable to sell the Winthrop School Estate on Tremont street, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1906.

Passed, the five members of the Board voting in the affirmative.

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MASON-STREET BUILDING.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Schoolhouse Commission whether it is practicable to enlarge the Mason-street Building by the addition of two stories, and if so, the approximate cost of such enlargement; and further the approximate cost of replacing the present building by a new building of adequate size to accommodate both the School Committee and the Schoolhouse Commission.

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SALARIES OF JANITORS OF LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSES.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the following order was taken from the table:—

ORDERED, That from and after Jan. 1, 1907, the salaries of the janitors of the several buildings owned and occupied by the city as Latin and high schools, except the Public Latin, English High and Mechanic Arts High School-houses, shall be established in accordance with the schedule of compensation for janitor service applicable to other school buildings; provided, however, that until such time as the Girls' High School-house shall be under the charge of a single janitor, the schedule rate of compensation for janitor service of said building; viz., $3144 per annum, shall be apportioned as follows: To the janitor, $2244; to the assistant janitor, $900.

On motion of the same member, the order was amended by striking out the date Jan. 1, 1907, and inserting in place thereof the date Mar. 1, 1907.

The order as amended passed.

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NEXT MEETING OF BOARD.

Mr. Brock moved that the first regular meeting of the Board in February, 1907, be omitted, and that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday evening, Feb. 18, 1907.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 11:15 o'clock p.m.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

February 18, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Storrow.

In the absence of the Chairman the Board was called to order by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the senior member.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE.

On motion of Mr. Brock, Mr. Thomas J. Kenry was elected chairman pro tempore.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

USE OF GYMNASIUM, WEST ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston, in Board of Aldermen, January 28, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested by this board to allow the use of the gymnasium in the West Roxbury High School, outside of school hours, to the residents of West Roxbury, under the supervision of the Bath Department. Passed. A true copy.

Attest: John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

PRIZES TO PUPILS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston, In Common Council, Feb. 7, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to offer prizes to the pupils in the various classes of the public schools for excellence in studies and deportment.

In Common Council, Feb. 7, 1907.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

William J. Barrett, President.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston, Mass. Feb. 12, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

Referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

GAS OR ELECTRIC LIGHT, AUSTIN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Feb. 7, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Nov. 26, 1906, relative to providing gas or electric light in the Austin School, stating that the cost of installing electric light on the first floor of said building would be approximately $100, provided the service is taken from overhead, or about $125 from underground. The third floor if lighted would add about $80 to the above amount. The Commissioners hardly see the necessity of this expense from the fact that the building had already been abandoned, and furthermore, that it was sufficiently lighted during its occupancy, and they consider that its present condition for school purposes is as good as in previous years.

Placed on file.

MASON-STREET BUILDING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, in answer to the request of the Board, at its meeting of Jan. 29 for a statement of the cost of enlarging the present Mason-street Building by the addition of two stories and of replacing the building by a new one of adequate size to accommodate both the School Committee and the Schoolhouse Commission, stating that the first proposition does not seem to be practicable. As to the second, a tentative plan has been prepared to show the layout of a new building on the same site, four stories in height, the cost of which would be in the neighborhood of $100,000.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations, reported by the Superintendent, were presented:—

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Violet F. Creber, assistant, Feb. 1, 1907.

Manual Training—Richard Benson, I. Virginia Lyons, assistant instructors, Feb. 1, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmations and transfer by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Adams District—Theresa C. Murray, from Feb. 25, 1907; Cecilia V. Mara, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Brimmer District—Mary M. McLaughlin, from Feb. 4, 1907; Helen E. Wray, from Feb. 18, 1907.

Dearborn District—Esther L. McNellis, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Edward Everett District—Emma F. Ditchett, from Feb. 26, 1907.

Robert G. Shaw District—Gertrude M. Glynn, kindergarten, Jan. 7, 1907, one day.

Winthrop District—Madalene I. Curry, from Feb. 4, 1907.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Roxbury High School—Nellie I. Simpson, assistant, Dec. 3, 1906, one day.

Agassiz District—A. Teresa Fennelly, assistant, from Jan. 18, to Feb. 1, 1907, inclusive, eleven days.

Blackinton District—Mary C. Carr, assistant, from Feb. 4 to Feb. 8, 1907, inclusive, five days.

Brimmer District—Katherine C. Brady, assistant, Jan. 25, 1907, one day. Annie E. Dennis, Helena McGinnis, assistants, Feb. 13, 1907, one day.

Washington District—Katherine L. Driscoll, assistant, from Feb. 11 to Feb. 18, 1907, inclusive, six days.

Winthrop District—Mary E. Kinsley, assistant, from Jan. 21 until Feb. 21, 1907, inclusive, twenty-four days.
Placed on file.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dudley District—Maurice J. O'Brien, sub-master, from Mar. 12, 1907.
Hugh O'Brien District—Thomas E. Kelley, assistant, from Mar. 12, 1907.
Cookery—Josephine W. Cowan, instructor, from Mar. 4, 1907.
Sewing—Anastatia Gannon, teacher, from Mar. 14, 1907.
Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Edith H. Wood, assistant, from Feb. 6, 1907.
Laid over to the next meeting.

(By Promotion.)

Public Latin School—Henry Pennypacker, master, head of the department of ancient languages; Byron Groce, master, head of the department of English; William T. Campbell, master, head of the department of mathematics; William P. Henderson, master, head of the department of French, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Girls' Latin School—Edward H. Atherton, master, head of the department of ancient languages, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Brighton High School—Sidney Peterson, master, head of the department of science, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Charlestown High School—Edward F. Holden, master, head of the department of French, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Dorchester High School—Albert S. Perkins, master, head of the department of science; Milford S. Power, master, head of the department of mathematics, from Mar. 15, 1907.
East Boston High School—Charles W. Gerould, master, head of the department of English; George D. Bussey, master, head of the department of science, from Mar. 15, 1907.
English High School—James E. Thomas, master, head of the department of English; Henry M. Wright, master, head of the department of mathematics; William B. Snow, master, head of the department of modern languages; Samuel F. Tower, master, head of the department of science; Frank O. Carpenter, master, head of the department of commercial branches; Samuel C. Smith, master, head of the department of history, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Girls' High School—Samuel Thurber, master, head of the department of English; Thomas H. H. Knight, master, head of the department of commercial branches, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Mechanic Arts High School—Charles L. Hanson, master, head of the department of English; William Fuller, master, head of the department of mathematics; Roswell Parish, master, head of the department of science; Herbert S. Weaver, master, head of the department of history, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Henry C. Shaw, master, head of the department of commercial branches; Irving H. Upton, master, head of the department of science, from Mar. 15, 1907.
South Boston High School—William I. Corthell, master, head of the department of history, from Mar. 15, 1907.
West Roxbury High School—George F. Partridge, master, head of the department of German; George A. Cowen, master, head of the department of science, from Mar. 15, 1907.
Laid over to the next meeting.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dearborn District—Michael J. Downey, Anna E. McDonough, assistants.
Hugh O'Brien District—Anna Harris, assistant, kindergarten.
Lyman District—Esther A. Kenna, assistant.
Phillips District—Susan A. McKenna, assistant.
Cookery—Catharine F. Clifford, instructor.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOL.

Sherwin School—Assistant, William T. Miller, Oct. 10, 1906, one night.
Approved.

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TRANSFER.

Hancock Evening Elementary School—Mary T. Baker, assistant, to the same position in the Warren Evening Elementary School, from Jan. 21, 1907.
Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

Laila G. Birch, Winifred T. McCabe, Caroline M. White.
Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—
Dorchester High School—Margaret Cunningham, assistant, Jan. 14, 1907, one day. Jane A. McLellan, assistant, from Jan. 23, until Jan. 28, 1907, four days.
Adams District—Florence E. Marshall, assistant, Jan. 22, 1907, one-half day.
Bigelow District—Alice M. Mulrey, assistant, Jan. 25, 1907, one day.
Blackinton District—Margaret E. Gray, assistant, Feb. 7, 1907, one-half day. Ruth Perry, first assistant, kindergarten, Jan. 30, 1907, one day, and Feb. 11, 1907, one day.
Bowditch District—Delia M. U. Chapman, assistant, from Feb. 4, until Feb. 7, 1907, three days. M. Louise C. Hastings, assistant, from Feb. 4 until Mar. 31, 1907.
Bunker Hill District—Abby P. Josselyn, first assistant, grammar school, from Jan. 17 until Feb. 25, 1907. Mary E. Minter, assistant, from Feb. 1 until June 1, 1907.
Chapman District—Mary E. Sheridan, assistant, from Jan. 24 until Jan. 29, 1907, four days. Caroline Swift, assistant, Jan. 8, 1907, one-half day. Mariannie H. Simmons, first assistant, kindergarten, Jan. 31, 1907, one day.
Charles Sumner District—Dora M. Leonard, assistant, Jan. 23, 1907, one-half day.
Dillaway District—Margaret E. Collins, assistant, Feb. 11, 1907, one-half day.
Dudley District—L. Adelaide Colligan, assistant, from Dec. 3 until Dec. 5, 1906, three days.
Dwight District—Mary C. R. Towle, assistant, from Jan. 7 until Mar. 11, 1907.
Eliot District—Theresa Currie, assistant, Jan. 16, 1907, one-half day. Celia V. Leen, assistant, Jan. 28, 1907, one day.
Emerson District—Harriet E. Litchfield, assistant, from Jan. 28 until Feb. 1, 1907, five days.
Frothingham District—Lena E. Campbell, assistant, Feb. 6, 1907, one day. Mary E. Corbett, assistant, Jan. 30, 1907, one-half day. Jennie L. Quirk, assistant, Jan. 14, 1907, one day.
Hancock District—Mary C. Brine, assistant, Jan. 30, 1907, one day. Annie G. Colbert, assistant, Feb. 6, 1907, one day.
Harvard District—Marcella C. Coyle, first assistant in charge, Jan. 28, and Jan. 31,

1907, two days. Mary C. Leonard, assistant, from Jan. 18 until Jan. 25, 1907, seven days. Ida B. Nute, assistant, from Feb. 11 until Apr. 1, 1907.

Jefferson District—Eleanor F. Somerby, assistant, from Feb. 11 until Feb. 15, 1907, four days.

Lawrence District—Lucy E. Killea, assistant, from Dec. 14, until Dec. 17, 1906, two days.

Lewis District—Anna A. von Groll, first assistant in charge, Jan. 4, 1907, one day. Alice D. Burke, assistant, Feb. 4, 1907, one-half day.

Lincoln District—Agnes G. Nash, assistant, Jan. 29, 1907, one-half day.

Longfellow District—Jennie A. Owens, first assistant, grammar school, from Jan. 26, until Apr. 1, 1907.

Lowell District—Flora J. Perry, first assistant in charge, Jan. 30 and 31, 1907, two days. Marguerite J. Martin, assistant, Jan. 18, 1907, one-half day.

Mary Hemenway District—Clara A. Perkins, assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 29, until Mar. 18, 1907.

Norcross District—Kate E. Fitzgerald, assistant, from Jan. 28, until Jan. 30, 1907, one day and one-half day. Bertha J. Rich, assistant, from Jan. 17, until Jan. 25, 1907, five days.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Elizabeth A. Nash, assistant, Jan. 28, 1907, one day.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Nellie G. Kelley, first assistant in charge, Jan. 28, 1907, one day. Marietta H. Delaney, assistant, Jan. 4, 1907, one day. Elizabeth R. Phelan, assistant, Jan. 7, 1907, one day.

Phillips Brooks District—Isabella L. Bissett, assistant, Jan. 30, 1907, one-half day.

Prescott District—Elizabeth J. Doherty, assistant, from Jan. 7 until May 1, 1907.

Prince District—Ellen G. Wiseman, assistant, from Jan. 22, until May 22, 1907.

Quincy District—Marion L. Dally, assistant, from Jan. 21 until Jan. 24, 1907, two days.

Shurtleff District—Marguerite S. Clapp, assistant, from Feb. 4 until Feb. 8, 1907, four days. Ella G. Fitzgerald, assistant, from Jan. 28 until Feb. 1, 1907, four days. Katherine S. Nash, assistant, Jan. 31, 1907, one-half day.

Thomas N. Hart District—Mary E. Farrell, assistant, Jan. 25, 1907, one-half day, and Jan. 28 and 29, 1907, one and one-half days.

Warren District—Abbie M. Mott, first assistant, grammar school, Jan. 7, 1907, one-half day. Rose M. Cole, assistant, Feb. 5, 1907, one-half day. Carrie F. Gammell, assistant, from Feb. 1 until Feb. 14, 1907, eight days. Rose M. Cole, assistant, from Feb. 11 until June 11, 1907.

Washington District—Anna M. Mullins, first assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 29 until Mar. 1, 1907. Josephine Smith, assistant, Feb. 6, 1907, one-half day. Leanora E. Taft, assistant, Feb. 8, 1907, one day.

Washington Allston District—Annie P. O'Hara, assistant, from Jan. 15 until Jan. 18, 1907, four days.

William E. Russell District—Minnie E. G. Price, first assistant in charge, Feb. 6, 1907, one day. Elizabeth W. O'Connor, assistant, Jan. 31, 1907, one-half day. Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, Feb. 13, 1907, one-half day.

Manual Training—John C. Brodhead, assistant to Director in Manual Training, Jan. 29, 1907, one day. Ella G. Smith, assistant instructor, from Feb. 1 until Apr. 9, 1907.

Sewing—Mary T. Hassett, teacher, from Jan. 29 until Feb. 8, 1907, eight days. Agnes E. McDonald, teacher, from Jan. 15 until Jan. 17, 1907, two and one-half days. Sara C. Selby, teacher, from Jan. 4 until Feb. 1, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for rest or travel, as specified, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following named teachers for the terms specified:—

Bowdoin District—Annetta F. Armes, assistant, from Jan. 28 until May 28, 1907, for rest.

Hancock District—Agnes L. Dodge, assistant, from Jan. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908, for rest.

Jefferson District—Ida E. McElwain, first assistant, kindergarten, from April 8, until June 21, 1907, for travel.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of one hundred ninety-two minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of two to be licensed to black boots, and of three to be licensed to act as pedlers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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EDUCATIONAL CENTRE, WILLIAM E. RUSSELL SCHOOL.

A report was received from the Superintendent, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, on the communication from the Common Council, received through His Honor the Mayor, and referred to him at the meeting of Jan. 21, requesting the establishment of an educational centre in the William E. Russell School on Columbia road, stating that owing to the brief time that now intervenes before the closing of the evening schools on March 15, a school established in a new location would not be in effective operation before it would be necessary to discontinue it, and in his opinion it would be undesirable to open such a school at this time. He has asked the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools to give consideration to the desirability of opening an evening school in this district next October, and if it appears that such a course should be taken a recommendation to that effect will be filed with the School Committee.

Placed on file, and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

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REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF UNIFORMS, BOSTON SCHOOL CADETS.

The Superintendent submitted a draft of revised regulations and specifications of uniforms for the Boston school cadets, and recommended the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the revised regulations and specifications of uniforms for the Boston school cadets, submitted by the Superintendent, are hereby approved, and that the same be printed.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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CATALOGUE, BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL, 1905-06.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the publication of a catalogue for the Normal School for the year 1905-06 is hereby authorized.

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TELEPHONE FOR HENRY VANE SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor enter into

a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to equip the Henry Vane School-house on Baker street, West Roxbury, with a telephone in the four-party line coin box service, without guarantee except for tolls.

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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, ROBERT G. SHAW DISTRICT.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide additional elementary school accommodations in West Roxbury by the purchase of land and the erection of an adequate building thereon; and this Board hereby designates the Robert G. Shaw District as the district in which such additional school accommodations shall be provided.

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SALARIES OF MASTERS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That junior-masters who are appointed heads of departments with the rank of master before April 1, 1907, shall continue on the salary schedule now established for junior-masters, without change of anniversary, until they shall have respectively served one year on the maximum salary of that rank, when they shall be transferred to the next higher salary established for the rank of masters who are heads of departments.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENT OF ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under dates of Feb. 8 and 11, 1907, stating that it has amended the First List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers of the Public Schools as follows:

Page 22 (804) Bessie J. Welch, date of expiration of certificate changed to read Jan. 28, 1907.

Page 26 (646) Winifred V. Cobb, date of expiration of certificate changed to read June 1, 1908.

Placed on file.

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REFERENCE MAPS, ELEMENTARY, HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Feb. 11, 1907, recommending the adoption of various series of maps, published by Rand, McNally & Co., also certain blackboard outline maps, for reference use in the elementary, high and Latin schools.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the following series of maps, published by Rand, McNally & Co., be adopted for reference use in the elementary, high and Latin schools:

Physical Series (46x66): The World, North America, South America, Asia, Europe and Africa.

Bird's-Eye View Series. (66x46) Relief: The World, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Africa and United States.

Columbia Series (66x46) Political: The World, North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Africa, Germany, British Isles, United States, Canada, Pacific Ocean and Australia.

Also Blackboard Outline Maps of The World, United States, and North America, on Mercator projections, any publisher.

DATE OF GRADUATION EXERCISES, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Feb. 12, 1907, recommending that the graduation exercises of the Central Evening High School be held on Wednesday, March 20, 1907.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the graduation exercises of the Central Evening High School be held on Wednesday, March 20, 1907.

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COURSE OF STUDY, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Feb. 15, 1907, transmitting a tentative course of study for the elementary schools and recommending its adoption for the school year 1907-08.

Laid over to the next meeting, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was instructed to furnish each member of the Board with a copy of the proposed course of study in proof form.

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SALARY OF JANITOR, OLD BAKER-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, stating that Patrick F. Devney, janitor of the Henry Vane and Old Baker-street School-houses has made application to him for a change in the salary of the latter building for which he receives $72 per annum in accordance with School Document No. 11, 1903, page 12, paragraph 3. This building differs from all other one-room buildings which are covered by the order referred to, inasmuch as it contains one large class-room, one small class-room, one teachers' room, two sanitaries and basement, and is heated with two furnaces. There are also 10,283 square feet of yards and sidewalk to be cared for. This is the only complete one-room school building in the city, and the Custodian is of the opinion that said order was intended to apply to one-room portable buildings only. If the schedule be applied to this school-house the janitor would receive, instead of $72 per annum, $233.68, less 20 p.c., as he is also janitor of a larger building, which would amount to $186.94 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

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COMPARATIVE COST OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1905 AND 1906.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 16, 1907, submitting a comparative statement of the cost of gas and electricity consumed in the public schools during the months of November and December of 1905 and 1906.

Placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, OLD THORNTON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Old Thornton-street School-house, caused by the illness of the

regular janitor, he had appointed John J. Kearns for a period of ten days or less, to date from Feb. 18, 1907.
Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO WILLIAM A. KINSLEY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, recommending that there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of $11.67 for services rendered as acting janitor of the Atherton Building School-house, from Feb. 5 to 12, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of eleven and 67-100 dollars ($11.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Atherton Building School-house, from Feb. 5 to 12, 1907, inclusive.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO JANITOR, ATHERTON BUILDING SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, recommending that Thomas Shattuck, janitor of the Atherton Building School-house, be granted six months' leave of absence without pay, on account of illness, and that an appointment be made to fill the vacancy in said position.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, leave of absence, without pay, was granted Thomas Shattuck, janitor of the Atherton Building School-house for a period of six months, to date from Feb. 5, 1907.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Jan. 29 to Feb. 18, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN L. GALWAY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 18, 1907, recommending that there be paid to John L. Galway the sum of $11.67 for services rendered as acting janitor of the Shurtleff School-house, from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, 1907, inclusive-.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to John L. Galway the sum of eleven and 67-100 dollars ($11.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Shurtleff School-house, from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, 1907, inclusive.

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LIGHTING FACILITIES, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Fred A. Fernald, Head-Master of the Central Evening High School, under date of Jan. 29, 1907, calling attention to the inadequate lighting facilities in his school, and stating that it seems to him that it would be economy in saving of lights alone to have the walls and wood work changed to a lighter shade and one less trying for the eyes.
On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Schoolhouse Commission for consideration and report.

OBSERVANCE OF EVACUATION DAY.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That appropriate exercises commemorative of Evacuation Day be held in the various schools situated in South Boston on Friday, Mar. 15, 1907.

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CLOSING OF SCHOOLS, SOUTH BOSTON AND DORCHESTER, MAR. 18, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, and under a suspension of the rules, it was
ORDERED, That the sessions of the public day schools in South Boston, be suspended on Monday, Mar. 18, 1907, and that the schools in Dorchester close at 12 o'clock on that day.

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SCHOOL CADETS TO PARADE ON EVACUATION DAY.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That, weather permitting, the South Boston and Dorchester High School Battalions and the field music connected with the English High School be permitted to participate in the parade to be held in South Boston in commemoration of Evacuation Day, on Monday, Mar. 18, 1907.

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CONTINUANCE OF COURSE IN SALESMANSHIP, BIGELOW EVENING SCHOOL.

A petition was received from members of the salesmanship class in the Bigelow Evening School, that such class be continued until Mar. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

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MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-CIGARETTE LEAGUE.

A communication was received from Mrs. Elizabeth R. White, Secretary of the Massachusetts Anti-Cigarette League, under date of Feb. 8, 1907, requesting that permission be granted said League to enter the public schools during 1907, and address the pupils on the cigarette habit, as was done in 1905.
Referred to the Superintendent with full powers.

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ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDER.

In accordance with the rules, the Auditor submitted an itemized appropriation order to cover the expenses of the public schools for the current financial year, accompanied by detailed estimates of the probable expenditures upon which such order is based.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:
ORDERED, That the regulations governing the use of school buildings be amended as follows:
Add to the paragraph which provides that no charge will be made on the part

of the city for the use of accommodations for entertainments, the net proceeds of which are to be devoted to improving or decorating school buildings or grounds, the words:—or to the purchase of books or other equipments for the schools.

Strike out the paragraph which provides that no charge will be made for janitor service in connection with meetings of teachers, pupils or other persons connected with or in the interests of the public schools and held during the afternoon of a regular school day, and substitute in place thereof the following:

No charge will be made for janitor service in connection with meetings of teachers, pupils or other persons connected with or in the interests of the public schools, school publications or school activities generally, or with entertainments, the net proceeds of which are to be used for the benefit of the schools, held during the afternoon of a regular school day, that do not interfere with the work of the janitor, impose any substantial amount of additional labor upon him, or require him to remain on or about the premises later than 5:30 o'clock P. M.

Laid over to the next meetinng.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills for the month of February, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. William S. Kenny.

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QUOTA OF PUPILS TO A TEACHER, EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, and under a suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, That the regulations prescribing the quota of pupils to a teacher in the evening schools be suspended for the remainder of the current term of said schools, and that the continuance or dismissal of teachers now employed in such schools during the remainder of said term be referred to the Superintendent with full power.

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CHARLESTOWN FREE SCHOOL FUND.

Mr. Brock, as treasurer of the corporation, submitted a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Charlestown Free School Fund for the year ending Jan. 31, 1907, the balance to new account being $8,-756.76.

Placed on file, and the Chairman authorized to approve the same and to verify the funds and securities belonging to said fund and in the possession of the treasurer.

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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF BOOKBINDERS.

A communication was received from M. Joseph Doyle, representing the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders Local 16 of Boston, relative to the binding of school documents.

Placed on file.

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ABSENCE OF PUPIL, EVERETT SCHOOL, JAN. 28, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, and under a suspension of the rules, it was

ORDRED, That Marion Lawson, a pupil in the Everett School, be not marked or counted as absent during the forenoon session held on Monday, Jan. 28, 1907.

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OFFICES OF BOARD CLOSED, FEB. 23, 1907.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, and under a suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, That the offices of the Board be closed on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1907.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 8:45 o'clock P. M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

March 4, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members except Mr. Ellis.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

APPOINTMENTS ON PROBATION.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF UNIFORMS, BOSTON SCHOOL CADETS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the revised regulations and specifications of uniforms for the Boston school cadets, submitted by the Superintendent, are hereby approved, and that the same be printed.

Passed.

SALARIES OF MASTERS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That junior-masters who are appointed heads of departments with the rank of master before April 1, 1907, shall continue on the salary schedule now established for junior-masters, without change of anniversary, until they shall have respectively served one year on the maximum salary of that rank, when they shall be transferred to the next higher salary established for the rank of masters who are heads of departments.

Passed.

AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the regulations governing the use of school buildings be amended as follows:

Add to the paragraph which provides that no charge will be made on the part of the city for the use of accommodations for entertainments, the net proceeds of which are to be devoted to improving or decorating school buildings or grounds, the words:—or to the purchase of books or other equipments for the schools.

Strike out the paragraph which provides that no charge will be made for janitor service in connection with meetings of teachers, pupils or other persons connected with or in the interests of the public schools and held during the afternoon of a regular school day, and substitute in place thereof the following:

No charge will be made for janitor service in connection with meetings of teachers, pupils or other persons connected with or in the interests of the public schools, school publications or school activities generally, or with entertainments, the net proceeds of which are to be used for the benefit of the schools, held during the afternoon of a regular school day, that do not interfere with the work of the janitor, impose any substantial amount of additional labor upon him, or require him to remain on or about the premises later than 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

LIGHTING FACILITIES, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Feb. 26, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its last meeting, relative to the lighting facilities in the Central Evening High School, stating that the amount of illumination in said school is far in excess of what is ordinarily put into new buildings, and is not reflected but direct light. The matter was called to the attention of the Commission in the fall, when upon investigation its representative found many lights burned out and many that were far below the 80 p.c. line of their rated candle power, and the janitor then promised to see that in future the lamps were renewed when they had fallen below the required power. The color of the woodwork is dark, but the wall color is not exceptionally so. The coloring was done with prime reference to the day school.

Placed on file.

DEATHS.

The Superintendent reported the deaths of the following-named teachers, which occurred on the dates set opposite each name:—

Bunker Hill District—Mary D. Richardson, assistant, Feb. 24, 1907.

Mather District—M. Esther Drake, assistant, Feb. 21, 1907.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATION.

The following resignation reported by the Superintendent was presented:—

Dorchester High School—Mabel L. Merriman, assistant, Mar. 4, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmation and transfer by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Franklin District—Mary E. Kinsley, from Feb. 25, 1907.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Brimmer District—Elizabeth L. Prendergast, assistant, from Feb. 18 to Feb. 20, 1907, two and one-half days.
Mather District—Florence M. Fogarty, assistant, from Feb. 25, 1907.
Placed on file.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Brimmer District—Bessie C. MacBrine, assistant, from Mar. 12, 1907.
Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Roger Wolcott District—Nellie E. Briggs, assistant, fourth year, from Apr. 1, 1907.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Girls' High School—Elizabeth J. Strongman, assistant.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOL.

Central High School—Assistant, Maria Smyth, from Jan. 8, 1907.
Approved.

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TRANSFER.

Roger Wolcott District—Sadie W. Jenkins, assistant, to the same position in the Rice District, from Apr. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

Alice B. Bonney, Annette L. Crocker, Lucy E. Fothergill.
Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Public Latin School—Alaric Stone, master, Feb. 27, 1907, one-half day.
English High School—William H. Sylvester, master, June 20 and June 21, 1907, two days.
Adams District—Mabel J. Houlahan, first assistant, kindergarten, from Feb. 1 until June 1, 1907.
Bennett District—Annie R. Cox, assistant, from Feb. 25 until Mar. 1, 1907, five days. Margaret T. McCabe, first assistant, kindergarten, Mar. 1, 1907, one day.
Blackinton District—Margaret Chandler, assistant, kindergarten, Feb. 25, 1907, one day.
Brimmer District—Grace F. Gardner, assistant, Feb. 12, 1907, one day.
Bunker Hill District—Helen F. Davol, assistant, Feb. 21 and Feb. 25, 1907, one day and one-half day.
Dearborn District—Mary A. P. Cross, first assistant in charge, Feb. 8, 1907, one day.
Dudley District—Antoinette M. Getchell, assistant, Feb. 19, 1907, one day.
Edward Everett District—Mae H. Bromley, assistant, Feb. 26 and Feb. 27, 1907, two days.
Eliot District—Ellen G. Bird, assistant, Feb. 18, 1907, one day.
Emerson District—Elizabeth A. Turner, assistant, from Feb. 25 until Mar. 1, 1907, four days.
Frothingham District—Martha J. Bryant, assistant, from Mar. 2 until Apr. 1, 1907.
George Putnam District—Ella J. Brown, assistant, Feb. 27, 1907, one-half day.
Hancock District—Mary F. Montrose, assistant, from Mar. 4 until Mar. 25, 1907, fifteen days.
Henry L. Pierce District—Mary E. Mann, master's assistant, Feb. 26, 1907, one-half day.
Hugh O'Brien District—Edwin I. Beal, sub-master, Feb. 15, 1907, one-half day. Florence W. Parry, assistant, Feb. 21, 1907, one-half day.
Hyde District—Delia E. Cunningham, first assistant in charge, from Mar. 4 until Apr. 1, 1907.
Lewis District—Charlotte L. Wilber, assistant, from Feb. 6 until Feb. 12, 1907, five days.
Lowell District—Jane J. Wood, assistant, from Mar. 12 until July 1, 1907.
Lyman District—Nellie M. Porter, first assistant, grammar school, from Feb. 11 until Apr. 1, 1907. Mary A. Clark, assistant, from Feb. 19 until Feb. 21, 1907, three days.
Mary Hemenway District—Anna E. Leahy, assistant, from Feb. 11, until Feb. 19, 1907, five days, Feb. 26, 1907, one-half day.
Mather District—Bertha E. Dennis, assistant, Jan. 24, 1907, one-half day. Annie Mackenzie, assistant, from Feb. 25 until Mar. 22, 1907.
Norcross District—Marie M. Loughlin, assistant, kindergarten, Feb. 18, 1907, one day.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Elizabeth A. Nash, assistant, Feb. 20, 1907, one-half day.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Michael E. Fitzgerald, master, Jan. 10, 1907, one day. Alice M. Williams, assistant, from Jan. 14 until Feb. 18, 1907.
Phillips Brooks District—Adelaide E. Burke, assistant, from Feb. 20 until May 1, 1907.
Quincy District—Margaret E. Carey, assistant, Jan. 15, 1907, one day. Bridget A. Foley, assistant, Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, 1907, one day and one-half day.
Robert G. Shaw District—Martha B. Johnson, assistant, from Feb. 18 until Feb. 20, 1907, two days and one-half day.
Roger Wolcott District—Eva M. Morand, first assistant, grammar school, from Feb. 25 until May 1, 1907.
Shurtleff District—Ella G. Fitzgerald, assistant, from Feb. 1 until Feb. 18, 1907, ten days.
Thomas N. Hart District—Margaret J. Stewart, master's assistant, from Feb. 14 until Mar. 1, 1907.
Wells District—Mary F. Gargan, first assistant in charge, from Feb. 6 until Apr. 1, 1907. Alice Dunn, assistant, from Feb. 25 until Mar. 1, 1907, four half days. Caroline A. Shay, assistant, Feb. 13, 1907, one-half day.
William E. Russell District—Maud I. Carter, assistant, Feb. 20, 1907, one day. Lillie M. M. Loughlin, assistant, Feb. 18, 1907, one day. Freda Salfisberg, assistant, Feb. 21, 1907, and Feb. 25 and 26, 1907, three days.
Cookery—Althea W. Lindenberg, teacher, from Feb. 25 until Apr. 1, 1907.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of seventy-two minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of seven to be licensed to black boots.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the licenses of two minors to sell newspapers for violation of the conditions on which said licenses were granted.
Approved.

TELEPHONE, SUPERVISOR OF SUBSTITUTES.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor enter into a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to substitute for the limited telephone in the office of the Supervisor of Substitutes an unlimited telephone with two extensions; one for the use of the Schoolhouse Custodian, the other for the use of the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools.

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TELEPHONE, IRA ALLEN SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor enter into a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to equip the Ira Allen School-house on Parker street, near Ruggles street, with a telephone in the four-party line coin box service, without guarantee except for tolls.

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CERTIFIED AREAS, HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Mar. 1, 1907, submitting the certified areas of the Brighton High, Dorchester High, East Boston High, Girls' High, Roxbury High, South Boston High and West Roxbury High School-houses, upon which the salaries of the janitors of said buildings are to be based in accordance with the order passed by the Board, Jan. 29, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the Chairman was authorized to approve the aforesaid certifications to take effect Mar. 1, 1907.

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JANITORSHIP, ATHERTON BUILDING SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 20, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Atherton Building School-house, caused by the absence of the regular janitor, he had appointed William A. Kinsley for a period of ten days or less, to date from Feb. 5, 1907.
Placed on file.

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RESIGNATION OF A JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Feb. 20, 1907, enclosing the resignation of George W. Collings as janitor of the Appleton-street Portable School-house, No. 27, to date from Jan. 1, 1907.
Placed on file, and the resignation accepted.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Mar. 4, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Feb. 19 to Mar. 4, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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DECORATION OF DEARBORN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from James Mahoney, under date of Mar. 2, 1907, on behalf of the Decoration Committee of the Public School Art League, applying for permission to do some decoration in the Dearborn School building.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the aforesaid application was approved, and the Secretary authorized to extend the thanks of the Board to said League for this evidence of its continued interest in the public schools.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills for the month of March, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Ellis.

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SPRING VACATION, PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, and under a suspension of the rules, it was
ORDERED, That the spring vacation in the public schools during the current year extend from Thursday, Mar. 28, to and including Friday, Apr. 5.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

Mr. Brock offered the following:
ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:
Sect. 202. Strike out in the tenth and eleventh lines of said section the words:—"the week preceding Easter Sunday," and substitute in place thereof the words:—Good Friday; the week beginning with the first Monday in April.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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SALARY OF ALICE STEVENS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the salary of Alice Stevens, assistant in the office of the Secretary, be fixed at the rate of six hundred and sixty dollars ($660) per annum, to date from Mar. 1, 1907, and until otherwise ordered.

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PRINTING OF FINANCIAL REPORT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to prepare and submit to the Board in print a financial report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1907.

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EXTENSION OF TERM OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the current term of the evening schools be continued to and including Friday, Mar. 22, 1907.
Mr. Storrow moved that the aforesaid order extending the term of the evening schools be rescinded.
The motion to rescind passed by a vote of 3 to 1, Mr. Thomas J. Kenny voting in the negative.

EXTENSION OF TERM OF EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:

ORDERED, That the current term of the evening drawing schools be continued to and including Wednesday, Mar. 27, 1907.

On motion of the same member, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order failed to pass by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Thomas J. Kenny and William S. Kenny—2.

Nays: Messrs. Brock and Storrow—2.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:10 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.
Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

March 19, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

APPOINTMENT ON PROBATION.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointment of a teacher on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointment was approved.

AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

The Board took up for consideration the order laid over at the last meeting, recommending an amendment to the regulations relative to the April vacation. (See p. 27.)

Again laid over to the next meeting.

USE OF SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS BY OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Mar. 18, 1907, enclosing a communication, addressed to him, from the Schoolhouse Commission, of the same date, asking whether it is the policy of the School Committee in cases where baths, gymnasiums or other equipment in the public schools have been put at the disposal of other departments to still continue to control these buildings when thus occupied, simply allowing such other department to use the equipment and pay the cost of such use.

Placed on file, and the Secretary instructed to call the attention of the Schoolhouse Commission to the report made by the Chairman of this Board at the meeting of Jan. 21, relative to the public use of the baths in the Paul Revere School-house, and to inform said Board that it appears from inquiry made of the Schoolhouse Custodian that the regular janitors are in charge of and responsible for the buildings to which they are assigned at all times.

COAL.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor be instructed to obtain prices on buckwheat coal for use in school buildings.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to purchase not exceeding five hundred (500) tons of buckwheat coal, and to deliver the same for use at such buildings as may be designated by the Schoolhouse Custodian.

EQUIPMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL CADETS.

A communication was received from the Business Agent, under date of Mar. 19, 1907, stating that he is withholding his approval of requisitions made by the Instructor of Military Drill for certain equipment consisting of belts, scabbards, bayonets and batons for the high school cadets because of the amount of money involved, and because of the circumstances which make it necessary that such equipment be furnished.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Business Agent is hereby authorized to approve the requisitions received from the Instructor of Military Drill for equipment required for the high school cadets as aforesaid at an estimated expense of about eight hundred dollars ($800).

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be instructed to investigate and report with regard to the loss of military equipments from the Brighton, Dorchester, English and Roxbury High School-houses.

ANNUAL PRIZE DRILLS AND PARADE.

A communication was received from Col. George H. Benyon, Instructor of Military Drill, under date of Mar. 18, 1907, relative to the dates of the annual prize drills and parade of the Boston School Cadets.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the annual prize drills and parade of the Boston School Cadets take place this year as follows:

Public Latin School, Thursday, April 25, 1907.

English High School, Friday, April 26, 1907.

Suburban High Schools, Friday, May 10, 1907.

Annual street parade, Friday, May 31, 1907.

CARE OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS DURING SUMMER VACATION.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Mar. 18, 1907, relative to the heating of new buildings during the summer vacation and the claims of janitors for extra compensation for such services.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, the Secretary was instructed to notify the Schoolhouse Commission that in the opinion of this Board, janitors of school buildings who are given written instructions by said Board to operate the heating apparatus of their buildings during the summer vacation and are thereby deprived of the two weeks' vacation to which they are entitled under the rules, or are obliged to employ a substitute, should be allowed reasonabe compensation for said two weeks, or such part thereof as they are required to render such service.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations, reported by the Superintendent, were presented:—

Public Latin School—William T. Campbell, Byron Groce, Henry Pennypacker, masters; William P. Henderson, junior-master, Mar. 15, 1907.

Girls' Latin School—Edward H. Atherton, master, Mar. 15, 1907.
Brighton High School—Sidney Peterson, junior-master, Mar. 15, 1907.
Charlestown High School—Edward F. Holden, master, Mar. 15, 1907.
Dorchester High School—Albert S. Perkins, master, Milford S. Power, junior-master, Mar. 15, 1907.
East Boston High School—George D. Bussey, junior-master, Charles W. Gerould, master, Mar. 15, 1907.
English High School—Frank O. Carpenter, Samuel C. Smith, William B. Snow, James E. Thomas, Samuel F. Tower, Henry M. Wright, masters, Mar. 15, 1907.
Girls' High School—Thomas H. H. Knight, junior-master; Samuel Thurber, master, Mar. 15, 1907.
Mechanic Arts High School—William Fuller, Roswell Parish, Herbert S. Weaver, masters; Charles L. Hanson, junior-master, Mar. 15, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Henry C. Shaw, master; Irving H. Upton, junior-master, Mar. 15, 1907.
South Boston High School—William I. Corthell, junior-master, Mar. 15, 1907.
West Roxbury High School—George A. Cowen, junior-master; George F. Partridge, master, Mar. 15, 1907.
Bowditch District—M. Louise C. Hastings, assistant, Mar. 31, 1907.
Henry L. Pierce District—Julia G. Davison, first assistant, kindergarten, Mar. 18, 1907.
Horace Mann School—Helen A. Fernald, assistant, Apr. 1, 1907.
Manual Training—Ella G. Smith, assistant instructor, Apr. 9, 1907.
Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfer by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bowditch District—Louise C. Scannell, from Apr. 8, 1907.
Bowdoin District—Emma Foster, from Mar. 11, 1907.
Bunker Hill District—Regina M. Hart, from Feb. 25, 1907.
Lawrence District—Teresa A. Hurley, Jan. 24 and 25, 1907, two days. Eleanor F. Morris, Jan. 25, 1907, one day.
Mary Hemenway District—Sara G. Fay, from Mar. 18, 1907.
Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Dorchester High School—Sarah L. O'Toole, assistant instructor, from Apr. 8, 1907.
Franklin District—Elsie A. Burrage, assistant, kindergarten, from Mar. 18, 1907.
Hancock District—Bertha V. Martin, assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 8, 1907.
Mather District—Dorothy Taft, assistant, from Mar. 19, 1907.
Manual Training—Mary I. Donlan, assistant instructor, from Apr. 9, 1907.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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(By Promotion.)

South Boston High School—James Mahoney, master, head of the department of English, from Apr. 1, 1907.
Henry L. Pierce District—Gertrude F. Briggs, first assistant, kindergarten, from Mar. 18, 1907.
Horace Mann School—Florence G. Willis, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.
Approved.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dwight District—Margaret L. Carolan, assistant.
Edward Everett District—Elizabeth G. Diman, assistant.
Frothingham District—Frances L. Nickerson, assistant.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Geraldine U. Fox, assistant, kindergarten.
Phillips District—Edgar E. Hulse, submaster.
Cookery—Elizabeth D. Chadwell, instructor.
Manual Training—Grace E. Hayden, assistant instructor.
Approved.

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TRANSFER.

South Boston High School—Francis J. Conlin, junior-master, on probation, to the same position on probation in the English High School, from Apr. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Agassiz District—(Agassiz Kindergarten) Alice Keane, from Mar. 6, 1907. (Francis Parkman Kindergarten) Mary Doyle, from Feb. 19, 1907.
Blackinton District—(Paul Jones Kindergarten) May Clark, from Feb. 28, 1907.
Comins District—(Smith-street Kindergarten) Margaret Schlosky, from Feb. 27, 1907.
Gilbert Stuart District—(Stoughton Kindergarten) Mary E. Eastman, from Mar. 11, 1907.
Hugh O'Brien District—(Samuel W. Mason Kindergarten) Norinne Mitchell, from Feb. 25, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—(Dorchester-avenue Kindergarten) Sara E. Graham, from Jan. 11 to Mar. 8, 1907, inclusive.
Phillips Brooks District—(Hull Kindergarten) Margaret Hagerty, from Jan. 11, 1907.
Shurtleff District—(Clinch Kindergarten) Gertrude Craigin, from Mar. 11, 1907.
Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

Hattie I. Bowditch, Helena M. Flynn, Georgie F. Parsons, Martha S. Watson.
Approved.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL, WELLS DISTRICT.

The Superintendent reported that he had designated Priscilla Whiton, master's assistant in the Wells District, to take charge of the schools of that district during the absence of its principal because of personal illness, or until the position shall have been filled otherwise, in accordance with the rules and regulations; said designation to date from Mar. 5, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Bennett District—Margaret I. Scollans, first assistant in charge, Mar. 4, 1907, one-half day; Emma P. Dana, assistant, from Apr. 8, until July 1, 1907.
Bigelow District—Mary L. Howard, assistant, from Mar. 11, until July 1, 1907. Josephine Crockett, assistant, Feb. 25, 1907, one-half day. Katharine A. Cunniff, assistant, Feb. 15, 1907, one-half day. Emma J. Ross, assistant, Feb. 27, 1907, one-half day.
Bowdoin District—Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant in charge, from Feb. 25, until June 25, 1907.

Brimmer District—Frances A. Putnam, assistant, Feb. 25, 1907, to Mar. 1, 1907, four and one-half days.
Bunker Hill District—Abbie P. Josselyn, first assistant, grammar school, from Feb. 25, until June 25, 1907.
Chapman District—Helen M. Paine, first assistant, kindergarten, from Feb. 11, until Apr. 1, 1907.
Comins District—Arthur A. Jordan, submaster, Feb. 8, 1907, one day.
Dearborn District—Eloise B. Walcott, assistant, from Apr. 2, until June 2, 1907.
Eliot District—M. Ella Wilkins, assistant, from Mar. 14, until July 1, 1907.
Everett District—Minnie T. Varney, assistant, from Mar. 11, until Mar. 28, 1907, fourteen days.
John A. Andrew District—Sarah E. Welch, assistant, from Mar. 4, until Mar. 28, 1907.
Longfellow District—Lydia W. Jones, assistant, from Mar. 22, until June 22, 1907. L. Idalia Provan, assistant, from Mar. 22, until June 22, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Harlan P. Ford, sub-master, Feb. 13, 1907, one-half day, and Feb. 20, 1907, one-half day. L. Gertrude Howes, master's assistant, Feb. 14, 1907, one-half-day.
Mather District—Grace O. Allen, assistant, from Jan. 24, until Apr. 1, 1907.
Norcross District—Mary M. Loughlin, assistant, kindergarten, Feb. 18, 1907, one day.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Elizabeth A. Freeto, assistant, from Feb. 1 until Mar. 4, 1907.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Blanche Burdick, assistant, Mar. 7, 1907, one-half day.
Prescott District—Daisy G. Dame, first assistant, kindergarten, Mar. 20 and Mar. 21, 1907, two days.
Rice District—Margaret C. Seaver, assistant, kindergarten, Feb. 6, 1907, one day.
Robert G. Shaw District—Josephine Garland, assistant, from Feb. 20 until Mar. 22, 1907.
Sherwin District—Beulah S. Cone, assistant, kindergarten, from Mar. 4 until Apr. 1, 1907.
Thomas Gardner District—Agnes A. Aubin, assistant, Mar. 5, 1907, one-half day. Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, Mar. 5, 190., one-half day. Mary E. Cosgrove, assistant Mar. 1, 1907, one day.
Warren District—Carrie F. Gammell, assistant, Mar. 4, 1907, one-half day.
Washington District—Anna M. Mullins, first assistant, kindergarten, from Mar. 1 until Apr. 1, 1907.
Wells District—Orlando W. Dimick, master, from Mar. 5 until Apr. 10, 1907.
Cookery—Charlotte F. Clark, instructor, from Mar. 11 until Mar. 28, 1907, fourteen days. Roberta M. Cummins, instructor, Feb. 28, 1907, one-half day.
Sewing—Katherine M. Mahoney, teacher, Mar. 7, 1907, one day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:—
Shurtleff District—Winifred C. Folan, first assistant, grammar school, from Mar. 9, until July 1, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified, without loss of pay:—
Mechanic Arts High School—Frederick C. Adams, junior-master, from Mar. 26, to Mar. 28, 1907, inclusive, three days.
Gaston District—Caroline M. Kingman, assistant, from Mar. 25 to Mar. 28, 1907, inclusive, four days.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified, without pay:
Everett District—Helen J. Scott, assistant, from Mar. 12 until Sept. 11, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, travel or rest, as specified, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Brighton High School—Lucy W. Warren, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until July 1, 1908, for study and travel.
Charlestown High School—Sarah Shaw, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907, until Apr. 8, 1908, for rest.
Emerson District—Elizabeth A. Turner, assistant, from Mar. 4 until July 1, 1907, for rest.
Mather District—Julia F. Baker, first assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 1, 1907, until Apr. 1, 1908, for study and rest.

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EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO FLORENCE M. ROCHE.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the leave of absence of Florence M. Roche, assistant in the offices of the Board, was extended until May 1, 1907, without pay.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of ninety-one minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of six to be licensed to black boots.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That the Regulations be amended as follows: Section 291, paragraph 8. Insert after the fourth line thereof:
High School of Commerce, one special instructor in commercial branches, and one special assistant instructor in commercial branches.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, LONGFELLOW DISTRICT.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide additional elementary school accommodations in West Roxbury, and this Board hereby designates the Longfellow District as the district within which such additional school accommodations shall be provided.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS, QUINCY DISTRICT.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide additional accommodations for children of the first three grades in the Quincy District, now excluded for want of room.

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PUPILS' CREDITS, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Secretary is hereby authorized to incur an additional expense not exceeding fifteen and 75-100 dollars ($15.75) for transcribing the records of credits given to pupils in the Central Evening High School for the term 1905-06.

TELEPHONE EXTENSION BELLS, PUBLIC LATIN AND ROGER WOLCOTT SCHOOL-HOUSES.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for an extension bell to connect the telephone installed in the office of the Director of Drawing and Manual Training in the Public Latin School-house with the office of the Assistant Director in the same building; also to provide one extension bell service in the Roger Wolcott School-house.

ANNUAL MEETING, INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN UNION.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, That such kindergarten teachers as may be designated by the Superintendent be granted leave of absence not to exceed three days, without loss of pay, for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the International Kindergarten Union, to be held in New York City on May 1, 2 and 3, 1907.

PAYMENT TO DANIEL N. HANDY.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Daniel N. Handy the sum of eight dollars ($8.00) for services rendered in the Central Evening High School on Nov. 28, 1906, and Dec. 4, 1906, as a teacher of Spanish and English.

PAYMENT TO TEACHERS, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the teachers in the Central Evening High School be paid for attendance on the evening of Mar. 20, 1907.

LIGHTING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Mar. 19, 1907, submitting copies of matter gathered by him relating to artificial lighting of class rooms; also a communication from Fred A. Fernald, Principal of the Central Evening High School, under date of Mar. 18, relative to the unsatisfactory lighting of his school and requesting a hearing on the subject.

Laid over to the next meeting, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Fernald to appear and be heard.

REDUCTION OF QUOTA OF PUPILS, GRAMMAR CLASSES BOYS' SCHOOLS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 13, 1907:—

The Board of Superintendents has given careful consideration to the following order passed by the School Committee January 21, 1907:—

> ORDERED, "That the Board of Superintendents consider and report to this Board on the advisability of reducing by five the number of pupils assigned to each teacher in grammar classes composed exclusively of boys,"

and herewith offers the following report thereon:—

The Superintendents have repeatedly argued from an educational point of view in favor of a material reduction of the number of pupils to a teacher. In School Document No. 4, 1895, pp. 132, 133, it was said: "The feature of the organization of all the schools calling for the most immediate and careful consideration is the size of the classes. Every school interest is being sacrificed by limiting the number of teachers, as is now done. The excessive number of pupils to a teacher seems to be the parent of most of the ills from which the schools are suffering, ills on the discipline side, and ills on the instruction side. Where it is not a cause of these ills, it affords an excuse for them. A weak teacher can always shelter herself behind this defence. Supervision finds at this point its most serious embarrassment."

In Document No. 3, 1900, the Board of Superintendents, in a special report in response to an order of inquiry from the Committee, discussed at length the size of classes. A comparative table was presented showing the number of pupils to a teacher in the large cities of the country and in other cities of Massachusetts. The Superintendents recommended that the maximum number of pupils to a teacher be reduced from 56 to 50 in all grades above the first, and that in that grade it be 42.

This recommendation was adopted by the School Committee June 26, 1900. Minutes 1900, pp. 265, 266. In recommending these numbers, the Board of Superintendents did not mean to express its judgment that they were suitable numbers from an educational point of view. The Board of Superintendents knew that they were too large, but it deemed it wise to propose a moderate and gradual reduction. It hoped that the actual average number of pupils to a teacher would fall below the maximum allowed by rule, as was the case in all other cities of this state as well as in most cities throughout the country, but the following table offers convincing proof that the hope entertained by the Board of Superintendents of a substantial falling away from the maximum required by regulation has not materialized.

NUMBER OF PUPILS TO A TEACHER, 1906.

Cities in order of their Population.	Max. by Rule.	Actual Av. Number.
New York.....	50	43
Chicago	48	46.8
Philadelphia ...	40	45
St. Louis.....	50 in upper grades 55 in lower grades	45
Boston	50 42 in 1st grade	49.7 43.7 in 1st gr.
Baltimore	No regulation	39 grammar 47 primary
Cleveland	45	42
Buffalo	45	40 grammar 45 primary
Cincinnati	40	38 grammar 39 primary
Worcester	48	40 grammar 45 primary
Fall River.....	No regulation	35 grammar 30 primary
Lowell	60 (permitted)	36 grammar 37 primary
Cambridge	No regulation	40.5 grammar 42.6 primary
Lynn	No regulation	41 grammar 36 primary
Lawrence	No regulation	35.5
New Bedford....	No regulation	40 grammar 43 primary
Springfield	40	38
Somerville	No regulation	45 grammar 46.2 primary

From the table it will be observed:—

(1) that the actual average number of pupils to a teacher is much higher in Boston than in any other city of Massachusetts; with the exception of Boston, the average in the thirteen principal cities of Massachusetts being but 39.3;

(2) that of the nine leading cities of the United States, with the exception of St. Louis, Boston stands first in point of maximum number of pupils to a teacher required by regulation;

(3) that of the same nine cities, in the actual average number of pupils to a teacher, Boston ranks first, with an average of 49.7, our nearest competitor being Chicago with an average of 46.6.

The Board of Superintendents has ever contended that the maintenance of boys' schools is undesirable from a disciplinary and from an educational standpoint. The discipline of an all-boys' class imposes upon the teacher high nervous tension, entirely disproportionate to that occasioned by disciplining a mixed or an all-girls' class. While teachers are found who do not give apparent and immediate evidence of the breaking effect of disciplining boys' classes, still, a major part of the teachers in such classes, furnish indisputable proof of carrying a burden excessive and wearing.

The number of cases of corporal punishment in proportion to the number of boys is more than two times as great in boys' schools as in mixed schools. The following quotation from Mrs. Louisa Parsons Hopkins, late Supervisor of the Boston Public Schools, is pertinent:—

"I believe in co-education of boys and girls. The mutual influence is refining and strengthening to both. The natural emulation is a healthy stimulus and motive to study and thought. The moral effect is purifying and elevating, making the relations between them less artificial and giving each a true appreciation of the other, leading to juster comparisons of the sexes and more hearty respect and good-will on both sides. Co-education corrects some of the most troublesome incidents of school discipline and throws increased interest into school work; it also develops symmetrically and naturally the social feelings and cultivates courtesy and helpfulness in all the relations of life."

Were the work of the schools to be confined to the acquisition of a prescribed number of facts to be learned by rote by all the children, without regard to individual ability or aptitude, there need be no limit to the size of classes. But the time when such work was called education has passed. It is now thought to be the business of the schools to fit its instruction and training to the individual capacity and individual needs of children. It must find the child and learn to look at the work from his standpoint, that it may secure his interested and willing co-operation in his own education, so that his education shall be self-education through self-activity. It must try to do this for the mentally sluggish, and the morally wayward, even for the defective and the vicious, as the aim of all teaching must be character.

Such work can only be done by superior teachers, but even by superior teachers, it cannot be done, it cannot even be begun with children in masses.

In the interests of the boys and girls who are now attending separate schools, and to the end that the teachers' burdens and labors may be more nearly equalized, the Board of Superintendents is of the opinion that throughout the city, separate schools should be changed into mixed schools. The Board of Superintendents recommends the gradual reduction on a sliding scale of the maximum number of pupils to a teacher in all elementary grades above the first, as follows:

(1) For the school year 1907: the quota of pupils to a teacher shall be 48.
(2) For the school year 1908: the quota of pupils to a teacher shall be 46.
(3) For the school year 1909: the quota of pupils to a teacher shall be 44.

Considering the fact that the organization of the schools in September next is to be made on the basis of eight grades, and that the ninth grades are to be eliminated, the time of the reduction of numbers proposed for the school year 1907-08 would be most opportune and the expense involved would be reduced to a minimum.

The Board of Superintendents welcomes this opportunity to again put itself on record in favor of removing the conditions by which the best efforts of the most skilful and self-denying teachers are continually thwarted.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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ADMISSION OF LUIS H. BOURONCLE TO NORMAL SCHOOL WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TUITION.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 8, 1907, recommending that Luis H. Bouroncle, a graduate of the Lima Normal College, Peru, be admitted to the Boston Normal School without payment of tuition.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents as aforesaid was adopted.

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SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 8, 1907, requesting that the School Committee authorize the purchase of five copies of certain books for use in each of the disciplinary classes.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:

ORDERED, That the following-named books, retold from St. Nicholas, edited by M. H. Carter, and published by The Century Company, be authorized for supplementary use in the elementary schools, five copies to be furnished each disciplinary class:

Bear Stories,
Stories of Brave Dogs,
About Animals,
Lion and Tiger Stories,
Cat Stories,
Panther Stories.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TEXT-BOOKS LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 8, 1907, requesting that certain books required to be read or studied for admission to New England Colleges be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin Schools, and by such pupils in high schools as are preparing for college.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the following-named books which are required to be read or studied for admission to New England Colleges, be authorized for use as text-books by pupils in the Latin Schools, and by such pupils in high schools as are preparing for college:

The Rape of the Lock, and other poems, by Alexander Pope.
Sohrab and Rustum, and other poems, by Matthew Arnold.
The Raven, The Fall of the House of Usher, and other poems and tales, by Edgar Allan Poe.
The Faerie Queene, Book one, by Edmund Spenser.
Cranford, by Elizabeth S. Gaskell.
Lorna Doone, by R. D. Blackmore.

Joan of Arc, and The English Mail-Coach, by Thomas DeQuincy.
The Prisoner of Chillon, and other poems, by Lord Byron.
The Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan.
A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 19, 1907, requesting the School Committee to establish a Girls' High School of Practical Arts, to be opened to receive pupils in September, 1907, and recommending

1. That conditions of entrance and graduation in this school be similar to those in existing high schools.
2. That all courses be half-year courses.
3. That diplomas be granted semi-annually.
4. That the school be organized under the following:

English Department,
History Department,
Modern Language Department,
Mathematics Department,
Science Department,
Industrial Department,
Design Department.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 19, 1907, recommending an amendment to the regulations relative to the requirements of candidates for high school special assistants' certificates.
Placed on file.

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Mr. Brock offered the following:
ORDERED, That the Regulations be amended as follows:
Section 140, paragraph 10. Add the following as a separate paragraph:
For high school special assistants' certificates; evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade, or grades, as the Board of Superintendents may determine.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Mar. 18, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Mar. 5 to Mar. 18, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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USE OF SCHOOL YARDS DURING SUMMER VACATION.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Mar. 19, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Jan. 29, 1907, relative to a general plan for the use of school yards during the summer months, reporting that he is of the opinion that many of the yards should be used, but if used arrangements should be made with the Schoolhouse Commission for the protection of the windows of the first and second floors of the school buildings adjoining the yards; that strong, stationary benches be furnished; that at night electric lights should be provided, and extra police protection given. Sand boxes, supplied with sand, should be placed in the yards. It will also be necessary to allow access to the sanitaries in the basements of the respective buildings, and the doors leading to the upper parts of the buildings should be provided with locks. The Custodian also submitted a list of schools located mainly in the thickly populated portion of the city, the yards of which, in his opinion, should be opened during the summer months.
Laid on the table, and the Secretary was directed to furnish each member of the Board with a copy of said report.

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BEQUESTS OF CHARLES E. FRENCH.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, the communication from the Board of Superintendents relative to the bequests of the late Charles E. French for the award of medals to deserving pupils in the public schools received at the meeting of Jan. 29, 1907, was taken from the table, and placed on file.

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On motion of the same member, it was
ORDERED, That in the opinion of this Board the acceptance of the legacies contained in the will and codicils of the late Charles E. French for the distribution of medals to pupils in the public schools will tend to impair rather than to increase the efficiency of the schools, and that His Honor the Mayor be respectfully informed that this Board considers it inadvisable to accept these bequests.

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DECORATION OF QUINCY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from James Mahoney, under date of Mar. 16, 1907, on behalf of the Decoration Committee of the Public School Art League, applying for permission to do some decoration in the Quincy School-house.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny the aforesaid application was approved, and the thanks of the Board extended to said League for its generous offer.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF JANITORS AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That the Secretary is hereby authorized to make the usual application on behalf of this Board for the reappointment of school janitors as special police officers for the term ending Mar. 30, 1908.

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GRADING OF WEBSTER AVENUE, WARD 25.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to have Webster avenue properly graded in order that the children attending the Frederic A. Whitney School may have safe and convenient means of access thereto.

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SALARY OF ALICE STEVENS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the salary of Alice Stevens, assistant in the office of the Secretary, be fixed at the rate of seven hundred twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from Mar. 1, 1907, and until otherwise ordered.

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SALARY OF JANITOR, OLD BAKER-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian, relative to the compensation of the janitor of the Old Baker-street School-house, received at the meeting of Feb. 18, 1907, was taken from the table, and placed on file.
On motion of the same member, it was
ORDERED, That the compensation of the janitor of the Old Baker-street School-

house be established in accordance with the provisions of order No. 5 appended to the Report of the Committee on Salaries, containing a schedule of salaries for janitors of grammar and primary schoolhouses (School Document, No. 11, 1903), to date from Mar. 1, 1907.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDER.

The Board took up for consideration the annual appropriation order submitted by the Auditor at the meeting of Feb. 18, 1907, viz.:—

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, 1907-1908.

To the School Committee:—

The undersigned would state that the Board of Assessors has certified that the average taxable valuation of the city on which the sum allowed the School Committee is based, amounts to $1,252,810,110.

The School Committee is authorized by statute to appropriate "for the support of the public schools" and "for repairs and alterations of school buildings" three dollars ($3.00) upon each $1,000 of the taxable valuation of the city. This amounts this year to $3,758,430.33. The School Committee may also appropriate for these purposes an additional sum of $57,569.67—derived from the estimated income for 1907-08 ($51,584.37), the excess of income for the year 1906-07 over the amount estimated ($1,380.96), and the balance unexpended for 1906-07 ($4,604.34). This makes the total amount which the School Committee may appropriate for the maintenance of the schools and for the maintenance of school buildings during the current year $3,816,000. Of this amount, not less than $313,202.53 (at the rate of twenty-five cents on each thousand dollars of the valuation) must be appropriated solely for repairs and alterations of school buildings.

The appropriation, as recommended, is based upon the following:—

$3 per thousand on $1,252,810,110 equals	$3,758,430.33
Unexpended balance 1906-07	4,604.34
Excess of income over the amount estimated, 1906-07	1,380.96
Estimated income for 1907-08	51,584.37
	$3,816,000.00

It would seem from a careful estimate of the amount that would be required to carry on the schools as they at present exist, that the funds available will prove insufficient for the purpose.

While it may be possible, with the utmost economy and without radical departure from present methods, to restrict expenditures within the amount available, it can be done only with the earnest cooperation of all having any control of school expenses.

In accordance with Section 1, Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1901, and Acts in addition thereto or amendments thereof, the passage of the accompanying order is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Porter,
Auditor.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES, 1907-1908.

Salaries of Instructors.

Normal School.

1	Head-master	$3,780
1	Master	3,204
1	Master	3,060
1	Master	2,340
8	Assistants at $1,620	12,960
1	Assistant	1,560
1	Assistant	1,320
1	Assistant	1,260
1	Assistant	1,140
1	Instructor in Drawing	2,508
1	Clerical Assistant	504
		$33,636

Latin and High Schools.

Masters and Junior Masters.

1	Head-master	$4,200	
10	Head-masters at $3,780	37,800	
38	Masters at $3,060	116,280	
1	Master	2,916	
5	Junior-masters at $2,916	14,580	
6	Junior-masters at $2,772	16,632	
1	Junior-master	2,628	
2	Junior-masters at $2,484	4,968	
3	Junior-masters at $2,340	7,020	
1	Junior-master	2,196	
1	Junior-master	2,052	
4	Junior-masters at $1,908	7,632	
6	Junior-masters at $1,764	10,584	
6	Junior-masters at $1,620	9,720	
1	Junior-master	1,476	
	Lectures, High School of Commerce	250	
			240,934

Assistant Principals and Assistants.

4	Assistant Principals at $1,836	$7,344	
1	Assistant Principal	1,764	
62	Assistants at $1,620	100,440	
3	Assistants at $1,548	4,644	
3	Assistants at $1,476	4,428	
8	Assistants at $1,404	11,232	
7	Assistants at $1,332	9,324	
11	Assistants at $1,260	13,860	
4	Assistants at $1,188	4,752	
6	Assistants at $1,116	6,696	
5	Assistants at $1,044	5,220	
5	Assistants at $972	4,860	
1	Assistant	900	
1	Instructor	1,272	
1	Permanent Substitute	1,116	
9	Special Assistants at $540	4,860	
1	Special Assistant	600	
			183,312

Mechanic Arts High School.

1	Head-master	$3,780	
4	Masters at $3,060	12,240	
1	Junior-master	2,916	
2	Junior-masters at $2,772	5,544	
1	Junior-master	2,484	
4	Junior-masters at $1,908	7,632	
1	Instructor in Metal Working	2,580	
3	Instructors at $2,340	7,020	
1	Instructor	1,860	
1	Assistant Instructor	1,620	
1	Assistant Instructor	1,404	
1	Assistant Instructor	1,260	
1	Assistant Instructor	1,188	
1	Assistant Instructor	1,116	
1	Special Assistant Instructor	960	
1	Special Assistant Instructor	816	
1	Tool-keeper	480	
1	Special Assistant	540	
	Temporary special assistant service	2,180	
	Additional compensation for extra work of instructors named above	3,700	
			61,320

Grammar and Primary Schools.

Masters and Sub-Masters, Grammar Schools.

47	Masters at $3,180	$149,460	
3	Masters at $3,060	9,180	
5	Masters at $2,940	14,700	
5	Masters at $2,820	14,100	
4	Masters at $2,700	10,800	
2	Sub-masters at $2,460	4,920	
36	Sub-masters at $2,340	84,240	
4	Sub-masters at $2,220	8,880	
5	Sub-masters at $2,100	10,500	
5	Sub-masters at $1,980	9,900	
4	Sub-masters at $1,860	7,440	
10	Sub-masters at $1,740	17,400	
7	Sub-masters at $1,620	11,340	
2	Masters on half pay	2,120	
			354,980

Assistants, Grammar and Primary Schools.

53	Master's Assistants at $1,212	$64,236	
2	Master's Assistants at $1,164	2,328	
1	Master's Assistant	1,116	
6	Master's Assistants at $1,068	6,408	
1	Master's Assistant	1,020	

26 First Assistants, Grammar, at $1,212	$31,512	
1 First Assistant, Grammar	1,164	
5 First Assistants, Grammar, at $1,116	5,580	
8 First Assistants, Grammar, at $1,068	8,544	
2 First Assistants, Grammar, at $1,020	2,040	
447 Assistants, Grammar at $936	418,392	
61 Assistants, Grammar at $888	54,168	
49 Assistants, Grammar at $840	41,160	
56 Assistants, Grammar at $792	44,352	
42 Assistants, Grammar at $744	31,248	
34 Assistants, Grammar at $696	23,664	
45 Assistants, Grammar at $648	29,160	
37 Assistants, Grammar at $600	22,200	
28 Assistants, Grammar at $552	15,456	
2 Assistants, Grammar on half pay	936	
70 First Assistants in charge at $1,116	78,120	
6 First Assistants in charge at $1,068	6,408	
5 First Assistants in charge at $1,020	5,100	
7 First Assistants, Primary at $1,080	7,560	
1 First Assistant, Primary	984	
354 Assistants, Primary at $936	331,344	
43 Assistants, Primary at $888	38,184	
49 Assistants, Primary at $840	41,160	
50 Assistants, Primary at $792	39,600	
37 Assistants, Primary at $744	27,528	
27 Assistants, Primary at $696	18,792	
34 Assistants, Primary at $648	22,032	
27 Assistants, Primary at $600	16,200	
20 Assistants, Primary at $552	11,040	
2 Assistants, Primary on half pay	936	
50 Temporary teachers, 40 days	$4,000	
50 Special Assistants, 60 days	4,500	
	8,500	
Less amount city will receive from absent teachers	4,000	
	4,500	$1,454,172

Kindergartens.

Director	$1,500	
79 First Assistants at $792	62,568	
15 First Assistants at $744	11,160	
6 First Assistants at $696	4,176	
4 First Assistants at $648	2,592	
34 Assistants at $624	21,216	
16 Assistants at $576	9,216	
30 Assistants at $528	15,840	
22 Assistants at $480	10,560	
Special Assistant Service	300	
100 Attendants, 184 days	9,200	
		148,328

Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Principal	$3,180	
1 Assistant Principal	1,440	
11 Assistants at $1,284	14,124	
1 Assistant	1,140	
1 Assistant	1,068	
1 Assistant	924	
Special Assistant service	300	
		22,176

School on Spectacle Island.

Teacher	$600	$600
Supervisor of Substitutes	2,940	2,940

Modern Languages.

2 Assistant Instructors at $1,800	$3,600	
1 Special Instructor in German, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools	1,800	
1 Special Instructor in French, Roxbury High School	1,200	
1 Special Instructor in French, South Boston High School	1,200	
		7,800

Music.

Director	$3,000	
1 Assistant Director	2,652	
3 Assistant Directors at $2,364	7,092	
3 Assistants at $1,188	3,564	
1 Assistant	1,092	
		17,400

Drawing and Manual Training.

Director	$3,000	
Assistant Director	2,508	
Assistant to Director in Manual Training	1,500	
3 Assistants to Director in Drawing at $1,500	4,500	
1 Special Instructor in Drawing, English High School	2,508	
1 Special Instructor in Drawing and Manual Training, Dorchester High School	1,740	
1 Special Instructor in Drawing and Manual Training, East Boston High School	1,440	
2 Special Assistant Instructors, Drawing, Dorchester High School	2,304	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, Roxbury High School	1,332	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, South Boston High School	900	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, West Roxbury High School	1,200	
9 Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools, at $1,200	10,800	
18 Assistant Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools, at $996	17,928	
9 Assistant Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools, at $948	8,532	
4 Assistant Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools, at $900	3,600	
2 Assistant Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools, at $852	1,704	
1 Assistant Instructor in Manual Training, Elementary Schools	804	
		66,300

Household Science and Arts.

Supervisor	$1,284	
15 Instructors in Cookery at $936	14,040	
2 Instructors in Cookery at $840	1,680	
1 Instructor in Cookery	792	
3 Instructors in Cookery at $696	2,088	
2 Instructors in Cookery at $648	1,296	
3 Instructors in Cookery at $600	1,800	
1 Instructor in Cookery	552	
		23,532

Sewing.

48 Teachers, 534 Divisions	41,832	
		41,832

Chemistry.

1 Special Instructor, Girls' High School	$1,620	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, Girls' High School	972	
		2,592

Physical Training.

Director	$3,000	
Assistant Director	2,280	
Assistant Director	1,800	
Instructor in Athletics	1,116	
Assistant Instructor in Athletics	756	
Special Instructor, Girls' Latin School	1,044	
Special Instructor, Brighton High School	1,044	
Special Instructor, Dorchester High School	1,200	
Special Instructor, East Boston High School	972	
Special Instructor, East Boston High School	900	
Special Instructor, Girls' High School	1,200	
Special Instructor, Roxbury High School	1,200	
Special Instructor, South Boston High School	1,200	
Special Instructor, West Roxbury High School	1,200	

Special Assistant Instructor, Charlestown High School	684	
Special Assistant Instructor, Dorchester High School	900	
Special Assistant Instructor, Girls' High School	900	
Special Assistant Instructor, Roxbury High School	900	
		22,296

Military Drill.

Instructor	$2,004	
Armorer	1,050	
		3,054

Commercial Branches.

1 Special Instructor, Charlestown High School	$1,920	
2 Special Instructors, Dorchester High School	3,960	
1 Special Instructor, East Boston High School	1,800	
1 Special Instructor, English High School	1,680	
1 Special Instructor, Roxbury High School	1,320	
1 Special Instructor, West Roxbury High School	1,320	
2 Special Assistant Instructors, Brighton High School	2,808	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, Charlestown High School	1,332	
2 Special Assistant Instructors, Dorchester High School	2,316	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, East Boston High School	1,404	
4 Special Assistant Instructors, Girls' High School	5,112	
1 Special Assistant Instructor, South Boston High School	1,260	
		26,312

Special Classes.

Medical Inspector	$1,008	
7 Assistants at $1,032	7,224	
1 Teacher, Disciplinary Class	1,032	
		9,264
Vacation Schools		7,000
Director of Evening and Vacation Schools		1,980

Evening High Schools.

1 Head-master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
4 Head-masters, 22 weeks	2,640	
65 Assistants, 22 weeks	28,600	
5 Special Assistants	1,628	
Pianists and other Assistants	1,250	
Matrons	322	
		35,540

Evening Elementary Schools.

12 Principals, 22 weeks	$6,600	
1 Principal, 22 weeks	440	
15 First Assistants, 22 weeks	4,125	
190 Assistants, 22 weeks	41,800	
		52,965

Evening Drawing Schools.

2 Masters, 66 evenings	$1,320	
3 Principals, 66 evenings	1,584	
20 Assistants, 66 evenings	7,920	
1 Assistant, 66 evenings	330	
5 Curators	660	
		11,814
		$2,832,000
Necessary reduction on account of insufficient appropriation		10,000
Total for Instructors		$2,822,000

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$6,000	
Clerks to Superintendent (6)	6,060	
Six Assistant Superintendents at $4,500	27,000	
Clerk to Assistant Superintendents	660	
Secretary	3,780	
Clerks to Secretary (4)	3,420	
Auditor	3,780	
Clerks to Auditor (2)	1,728	
Business Agent	3,780	
Clerks to Business Agent (2)	2,160	
Messengers (6)	4,008	
Truant Officers (23)	32,700	
City Treasurer, Custodian	1,500	
Schoolhouse Custodian	2,004	
Clerk to Schoolhouse Custodian	600	
Assistants, Supply Dept. (3)	2,820	
Total for Officers		$102,000

Salaries of Janitors.

Latin and English High:		
Janitor, Latin	$1,920	
Janitor, English High	4,200	
Girls' Latin	960	
Brighton High	1,620	
Charlestown High	1,404	
Charlestown High Drill Hall	100	
Dorchester High and 3 portable buildings:		
Janitor	3,708	
Matron	540	
East Boston High:		
Janitor	2,976	
Matron	540	
Girls' High and 2 portable buildings:		
Janitor	2,364	
Janitor	960	
High School of Commerce	444	
Mechanic Arts High:		
Janitor	1,752	
Engineer	1,524	
Roxbury High	2,304	
Roxbury High Annex	168	
South Boston High:		
Janitor	3,492	
Matron	540	
West Roxbury High:		
Janitor	2,976	
Matron	540	
Total for High Schools		$35,032
12 high schools as enumerated above		$35,032
64 grammar schools		86,200
147 primary schools		87,300
82 portable buildings		6,500
35 special and evening schools		9,000
Mason-street building (4)		3,548
Substitute janitors (2)		1,092
Estimate for additional buildings to be acquired and temporary accommodations that may be needed during the year		2,328
Total for janitors		$231,000

Fuel and Light.

24,000 tons of coal at $4.60 (including weighing)	$110,400
Electric power	3,000
400 cords of wood at $11 (including sawing, splitting, and housing)	4,400
Gas and electric lighting	27,200
Total under head of "Fuel and Light"	$145,000

Supplies and Incidentals.

Text books, reference books, and exchange of books	$50,500
Books for supplementary reading	9,000
Globes, maps, and charts	3,000
Music expenses: Instruments, repairs, and covers	2,000
Printing, and stock used for same, including reports of School Committee meetings	10,500
Philosophical, chemical, and mathematical apparatus and supplies	7,000
School census	1,700
Stationery, drawing materials, and record books	31,000
Commercial course in High Schools, typewriting machines, etc	1,000
Diplomas, blackboard materials, etc	3,000
Advertising	400
Military Drill: Arms, repairs, and expenses of annual parade	1,400
Removing ashes from school-houses and snow from yards	2,000
Flags for schoolhouses	500
Janitors' and other supplies (including disinfectants)	11,000
Supplies for Vacation Schools	700
Supplies for Manual Training	24,000
Supplies for Kindergartens	2,000
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salary of teamster and assistants, use of two horses, wagon, and extra help	3,300
Tuition of Boston pupils in the schools of Brookline, Everett, and Winthrop	2,000

Tuition of Boston wards boarding in sundry cities and towns of the state (see chapter 496, Acts of 1898)	6,000
Car and ferry tickets, Horace Mann School (cost refunded by State)	3,000
Car tickets for Truant Officers, Schoolhouse Custodian, Instructor of Military Drill, and pupils in special classes	3,000
Travelling expenses, officers and instructors	600
Materials for study of natural history, including stereopticon slides	400
Carriage-hire and refreshments	200
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, postage, car and ferry tickets for messengers, badges for licensed minors, extra clerk-hire, clay for modelling, and sundry items	4,000
Exhibit at Jamestown Exposition	2,500
Total for "Supplies and Incidentals"	$185,700

Schoolhouse Department.

Repairs and alterations of school buildings	$313,300
Rents of hired school accommodations	17,000
Total for Schoolhouse Department	$330,300

Placed on file.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:

ORDERED, That to meet current expenses of the School Committee and provide funds for repairs and alterations of school buildings and for rents of hired school accommodations during the financial year beginning February 1, 1907, and ending January 31, 1908, the following sums be appropriated for the purposes stated:

Salaries of instructors	$2,822,000
Salaries of officers	102,000
Salaries of janitors	231,000
Fuel and light	146,000
Supplies and incidentals	185,700
Repairs and alterations of school buildings	313,300
Rents of hired school accommodations	17,000
Total amount appropriated	$3,816,000

The order passed by the following vote:—

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny and Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

PRIZE FOR ESSAY ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Mr. Ellis submitted a communication received by him from Mrs. Ellen Shaw Barlow, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association, making application for permission to offer a medal as a prize for the best essay on Civil Service Reform to be competed for by some scholars in the upper grades of the public schools.

Referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

HORACE MANN SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was instructed to address a communication to the State Board of Education requesting a joint conference relative to the State assuming a larger proportion of the expense of maintaining the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Mr. Ellis, on behalf of Mr. Brock and himself, presented the following:

PLAN FOR A PENSION SYSTEM FOR BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The plan here outlined is submitted by the School Committee of the city of Boston, not as necessarily final, but to serve as a tentative basis for discussion and criticism by those interested. The Committee is aware that much study has been given to this subject by various representatives of the masters and teachers, and it is hoped that from this source much help may be obtained in the perfection of this plan.

It should be clearly understood at the outset that the Committee has no desire to advocate any plan that does not meet with the approbation of the Boston teachers. It also should be borne in mind that the School Committee has no authority to put any plan into operation, but that legislative sanction must be obtained before any pension system can go into effect.

In any event, there is a grave responsibility in endeavoring to formulate a pension system which shall invite a series of contributions, extending over a long number of years, from the teachers of the city, because if twenty years from now there should crop out any inaccuracies in the original calculations, it might cause much disappointment and work great hardship.

The subject presents a number of substantial difficulties, caused in larger part by the fact that some of the questions which must be solved vary in important respects from any experience which has so far been derived from the business of our life insurance companies or from the experience or knowledge to be obtained from the calculations which have been made by companies selling annuities.

One of the first questions to be settled is whether the expense of pensions shall be borne entirely by contributions from the teachers, or entirely by the city, or by a combination of the two methods.

Since the operation by the School Committee of any pension system will eliminate the greater part of the very large expense incurred by the mutual and stock companies for soliciting insurance and for conducting the business—amounting to a very substantial proportion of the total premiums paid—it seems clear that if nothing more could be done than to offer to teachers pensions at a very substantially reduced cost, it would perhaps still be worth undertaking. The present "Boston Teachers' Retirement Fund" affords an illustration of this plan, although only extending limited opportunities in this respect.

A pension system, to be effective, must afford annuities not merely to the younger teachers who have lately entered the service, and who therefore can perhaps by a long series of payments provide for an adequate pension without deducting a very large percentage of their pay, but also to the many teachers who are at or approaching the age of retirement, and who, even if their entire salary were devoted to this purpose, could not in the short interval remaining before reaching their retirement age, build up a fund sufficient to pay the cost of their pensions.

On the other hand, it is not fair, of course, to load the younger teachers—because the salaries of our teachers are already too small—with the burden of the assessments necessary to take care of these teachers who are now approaching the retiring age.

It seems clear, therefore, that if a pension system is to be established for Boston teachers, the city of Boston must make a contribution to the fund.

If the attempt were made to place the entire cost of a pension system on the city of Boston, it would involve a very large annual sum of money; and it seems pretty clear that, while some day it may come, the public mind is not yet ready for such an expenditure, and that neither the sanction of the city authorities nor the Legislature could now be obtained. Any plan adopted, therefore, must be one in which the city and the teachers each bear part of the expense.

The plan here presented starts with the assumption (1) that all teachers are to be

retired at the age of 65, and (2) that no teacher is to be asked to contribute more than 10 per cent. of his or her pay.

If a teacher 42 years of age went to a regular insurance company and asked how much of his salary he would have to pay annually until he reached 65, in order to get a pension equal to half the salary he was receiving, the company (if it assumed that it cost nothing to obtain business or to run the company) would compute the annual premiums at 9½ per cent. of that person's salary.

If a teacher aged 43 applied for an annuity equal to half his or her salary, the percentage of salary to be exacted from that time until he is 65 years old (assuming no cost of operation) would be 10.2 per cent. And the percentage of salary to be deducted would be greater if the person were older when making the application. If he were 50 years old, it would be 18.3 per cent.; if he were 55, 31.9 per cent; if he were 60, 74.8 per cent.; and if the application were made at the age of 64, the single payment then remaining to be made would be more than four times the entire annual salary.

It is clear, therefore, that if the maximum annual premium is to be restricted to 10 per cent. and the pension is to be half the annual compensation, there will be a loss to the pension fund for every teacher above the age of 42 who is to have a pension.

The number of teachers in the service in December, 1905, who were 43 years of age or more was 815, and the total sum which the city would be obliged to pay to make up the annual deficiency in the percentage paid by these teachers until they are 65, and to pay them thereafter their pension, would amount in a lump sum to a very large figure, probably in excess of two million dollars—a sum which appears to be heavier than the city probably would be willing to assume.

Under this present scheme, it is accordingly provided that teachers 43 years of age or more shall receive, not a half pension, but one equal to one-third of their salary. In this way the annual payment by teachers who are between the end of their 42d year and the end of their 47th year can still be kept below 10 per cent., and will at the same time suffice to pay the cost of the pensions of this class of teachers.

Beginning with the teachers 48 years old, the annual premiums necessary for a pension on the basis of one-third of the teacher's salary rises above 10 per cent.; and it is suggested that this deficiency should be met by the city.

It is also true that for teachers already beyond the retirement age the payment of pensions will begin at once to be a direct charge upon the city, without its being lessened by any payments received from the beneficiaries.

By careful computation, it is estimated that an annual contribution by the city of $61,000 to the pension fund will take care of all the deficiencies in the premiums paid by these teachers 48 years of age or over, as well as the pensions of those who have already reached the retirement age. This annual fund of $61,000 will accumulate at first faster than required for pensions for teachers who have retired. but as the number of these older teachers who retire and are placed upon the pension roll will continue to increase for a number of years, it is calculated that the annual sum required to make up the deficit on this class of pensions will for a number of years be in excess of $61,000. Thereafter, the annual amount drawn from this fund will gradually decrease until it is wiped out altogether.

The following table shows the percentage of salary to be paid at each age between 18 and 65, under the proposed plan:—

Age.	Annual Premium % of Salary.	
18	2.4	
19	2.5	
20	2.6	
21	2.7	
22	2.9	
23	3.0	
24	3.2	
25	3.4	
26	3.6	
27	3.8	
28	4.0	
29	4.2	
30	4.4	Pension equal to one-half salary.
31	4.7	
32	5.0	
33	5.3	
34	5.6	
35	6.0	
36	6.3	
37	6.7	
38	7.2	
39	7.7	
40	8.2	
41	8.8	
42	9.5	

Age.	Annual Premium % of Salary.	
43	6.8	
44	7.3	
45	7.9	
46	8.6	
47	9.3	
48	10.0	
49	10.0	
50	10.0	
51	10.0	
52	10.0	
53	10.0	
54	10.0	
55	10.0	Pension equal to one-third salary.
56	10.0	
57	10.0	
58	10.0	
59	10.0	
60	10.0	
61	10.0	
62	10.0	
63	10.0	
64	10.0	
65	....	

The first impression may perhaps be that under this system the younger teachers are being more liberally treated than the older ones; but this is not really the case, because under this system every teacher who is 47 years of age or younger is paying into the pension fund a sum sufficient to take care of his or her pension whereas the teachers of 48 years of age or older are not making a contribution sufficient to pay their own pensions, and are receiving a direct benefit from the payments to be made by the city. In fact, it might be urged that the injustice was being done to the younger teachers, who under this plan would seem to be simply paying for what they are getting; but it is proposed that the annual payment of $61,000 shall be perpetual, and that when the time comes around for the younger teachers to receive their pensions this annual payment shall be distributed among the then pensioners, which can certainly be done to a steadily increasing extent, as the names of the older pensioners are dropped from the rolls. This will mean, therefore, a very substantial addition to the pension of younger teachers. It seems, therefore, that the plan would work out approximately fairly toward all.

However, as the number of teachers in the city is steadily increasing at the rate of about 81 per year, and it would be necessary in after years to divide this $61,000 among an increasing number of teachers who would be drawing pensions, it has been proposed that, instead of making this payment by the city a fixed sum of $61,000

per annum, it shall be five cents upon each one thousand dollars of the valuation upon which the appropriations of the City Council of Boston are based—which upon the present basis of valuation will yield $61,500, and which it is perhaps reasonable to expect will go on gradually increasing about in proportion to the increased school population, and therefore the increased number of teachers.

Inasmuch as all calculations relating to life insurance or annuities are based upon the law of averages, and must involve the lives of a sufficient number of people to make the average stable and calculable, a pension system upon the lines proposed cannot be adopted unless it is to apply to the entire teaching force; because the experience of life insurance companies indicates that three thousand lives is as small a number as will supply a safe, calculable average, and if the number joining the pension plan were reduced to one-half or one-third of the present teaching force, the results would be likely to be erratic and uncertain.

The premiums are all based on the plan of making the payments made by a given teacher the same each year. For example, the payment to be made by a teacher 24 years old would be 3.2 per cent. of the salary; and that would be the annual premium for that teacher until he or she reached the retirement age of 65. The annual payment to be made by a teacher 30 years old would be 4.4 per cent.; and this would be the percentage of salary to be devoted to this purpose during the teaching life of that teacher.

The half salary or the one-third salary to be received as a pension would be determined by the salary which the teacher was receiving when he or she made the first contribution to the pension fund. If at any time a teacher received an increase in salary, the additional annual payment required on account of the increase would be the percentage fixed for a half or one-third pension for the age of the teacher at the time of receiving the increase. For example, if a teacher was receiving $600 at the age of 24, the annual payment would be 3.2 per cent. of that amount, or $19.20. If at the age of 30, such teacher received an increase in pay which brought his or her total salary up to $1,000, the teacher, in order to receive the $500 annual pension at the age of 65, would continue paying the $19.20, plus the percentage due from a teacher 30 years old who might be assumed to be receiving a $400 salary (that is, 4.4 per cent. of $400), a sum equal to $17.60. The total annual payment for this teacher therefore would be $36.80.

It is proposed that no increase in salary, and no present salary, shall oblige any teacher to provide for a pension in excess of one-half of his or her salary, and that no teacher who is making an annual contribution sufficient to provide for a $500 pension shall be obliged to make any payments to provide for a higher rate of pension than $500; but they are allowed to bring their pensions up to 50 per cent. of their salary, whatever the salary may be, if they so desire.

These computations are based on the assumption that the income from the fund to be invested will be 3½ per cent. per annum.

The question as to what shall be done in the case of teachers who withdraw from the service has been left by the Committee for further consideration, after the representatives of the teachers have expressed their views on this point.

At the request of the School Board, committees representing the Masters' Association and the Boston Teachers' Club have been appointed to confer with the School Board, and this scheme, with the statistics and computations which have been made bearing on various aspects of the question, is herewith submitted to them for their careful consideration and discussion. The School Board gladly invites their co-operation, and hopes that the best possible plan may be formulated as the result of the deliberations of all interested in this vital question.

The School Board would also be glad to confer with any other representatives of the teachers or teachers' associations who may be interested in the matter.

In making the computations and calculations necessary to outline this scheme, Mr. Herbert B. Dow, actuary, has given the School Board much assistance, and the Board is also particularly indebted to Mr. W. S. Smith, an experienced life insurance actuary, who as a former teacher himself has taken great interest and devoted much time to the formulation of this plan. For his kind assistance the Board wishes particularly to express its thanks.

On motion of the same member, laid on the table.

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NEXT MEETING OF BOARD.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, and under a suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, April 8, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:10 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

April 8, 1907.

A regular adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE.

The Chairman being delayed, the Board was called to order by Mr. George E. Brock, the senior member present.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, Mr. Brock was elected chairman pro tempore.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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APPOINTMENTS ON PROBATION.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation from the eligible list, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 202. Strike out in the tenth and eleventh lines of said section the words:—"the week preceding Easter Sunday," and substitute in place thereof the words:—Good Friday; the week beginning with the first Monday in April.

In this connection a communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Apr. 8, 1907, stating that he had made an inquiry with reference to the preference of the teachers as to the time of the spring vacation; the result thereof being as follows:

Whole number of teachers heard from, 2299. Of these 2276 prefer the first week in April; 18 prefer the week before Easter Sunday; and 5 indicate no preference.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 291, paragraph 8. Insert after the fourth line thereof:

High School of Commerce, one special instructor in commercial branches, and one special assistant instructor in commercial branches.

Passed.

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The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 140, paragraph 10. Add the following as a separate paragraph:

For high school special assistants' certificates; evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade, or grades, as the Board of Superintendents may determine.

Passed.

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SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the following-named books, retold from St. Nicholas, edited by M. H. Carter, and published by The Century Company, be authorized for supplementary use in the elementary schools, five copies to be furnished each disciplinary class:

Bear Stories,
Stories of Brave Dogs,
About Animals,
Lion and Tiger Stories,
Cat Stories,
Panther Stories.

Passed, all the members present, viz., 3, voting in the affirmative.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Brock, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed was reconsidered. The order again passed, the necessary number, viz., 4, voting in the affirmative.

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TEXT-BOOKS, LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the following-named books which are required to be read or studied for admission to New England Colleges, be authorized for use as text-books by pupils in the Latin Schools, and by such pupils in high schools as are preparing for college:

The Rape of the Lock, and other poems, by Alexander Pope.
Sohrab and Rustum, and other poems, by Matthew Arnold.
The Raven, The Fall of the House of Usher, and other poems and tales, by Edgar Allan Poe.
The Faerie Queene, Book one, by Edmund Spenser.
Cranford, by Elizabeth S. Gaskell.
Lorna Doone, by R. D. Blackmore.
Joan of Arc, and The English Mail-Coach, by Thomas DeQuincy.
The Prisoner of Chillon, and other poems, by Lord Byron.
The Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan.
A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens.

Passed, all the members present, viz., 3, voting in the affirmative.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Brock, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed was reconsidered. The order again passed, the necessary number, viz., 4, voting in the affirmative.

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PROTECTION OF KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, In Common Council,
March 21, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a competent person to be assigned to each kindergarten whose duty

it shall be to guard the children from accident on the streets after the close of each session.

In Common Council, March 21, 1907.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor,

William J. Barrett,
President.

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.
Mar. 23, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

Referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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WEEKLY PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO TEACHERS AND JANITORS.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,
March 19, 1907.

ORDERED, That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to make the necessary arrangements so that janitors and school teachers may be paid weekly, if they so desire.

Passed.

A true copy.
Attest:
John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk.

Mar. 23, 1907. Referred to the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, laid on the table.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS, QUINCY DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Apr. 4, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Mar. 19, 1907, relative to providing additional accommodations for children of the first three grades in the Quincy District, now excluded for want of room, stating that an additional room has been hired in the Boston Female Asylum, Washington street, and the same will be ready for occupancy on Apr. 8.

Placed on file.

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GRADING OF WEBSTER AVENUE, WARD 25.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Apr. 2, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Mar. 19, 1907, relative to taking such steps as may be necessary to have Webster avenue properly graded in order that the children attending the Frederic A. Whitney School may have safe and convenient means of access thereto, stating that Webster avenue is an unaccepted street, and that the Schoolhouse Commission are placing cracked stone upon the sidewalk, have improved the roadway, and will do all that it is possible to do, in a street that is not accepted, to remedy the difficulties mentioned.

Placed on file.

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DEATHS.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teachers which occurred on the date set opposite each name:

Emerson District—Frances H. Turner, master's assistant, Mar. 25, 1907.

Phillips Brooks District—Ellen L. Coughlan, assistant, Mar. 27, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

English High School—James Mahoney, master, Apr. 1, 1907.

Roxbury High School—Irving H. Upton, master, Mar. 15, 1907.

Franklin District—Gertrude F. Briggs, assistant, kindergarten, Mar. 18, 1907.

Horace Mann School—Florence G. Willis, assistant, Apr. 8, 1907.

Winthrop District—May A. Brown, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Agassiz District—Emma A. Brust, from Mar. 26, 1907.

Bennett District—Myrtle A. Adams, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Dwight District—Laila G. Birch, kindergarten, from Mar. 25 to Mar. 28, 1907, inclusive, four days.

Eliot District—Catherine J. Sullivan, from Apr. 10, 1907.

Longfellow District—Teresa A. Hurley, from Feb. 11, 1907. A. Teresa Fennelly, from Feb. 4 to Feb. 8, 1907, inclusive, five days.

Phillips Brooks District—Henrietta L. Wallburg, from Mar. 25, 1907.

Shurtleff District—Mary L. Brennan, from Apr. 9, 1907.

Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Manual Training.—Katharine L. Colbert, assistant instructor, from Apr. 9, 1907.

Placed on file.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Mechanic Arts High School—Louis R. Wells, instructor, from Apr. 17, 1907.

Emerson District.—Clara E. Nixon, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Adams District.—Eleanor L. McGourty, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Brimmer District.—Josephine A. Power, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Franklin District.—Agnes G. R. Fitzsimmons, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Hugh O'Brien District.—Thomas E. Kelley, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Lyman District.—Helen E. Hermes, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Norcross District.—Mary C. Sullivan, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District.—Irene A. Dooley, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Winthrop District.—Anna M. Murray, assistant, from Apr. 29, 1907.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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(By Promotion.)

High School of Commerce.—F. Edwin Walter, special instructor of commercial branches, from Apr. 29, 1907.

Horace Mann School.—Desire E. Nickels, assistant, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Laid over to the next meetnig.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Agassiz District.—Ethelyn C. Hallstrom, assistant.

Phillips District.—Rose E. Lyons, assistant.

Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Roxbury High School.—Special assistants, Joseph P. Cady, Mar. 4, 7, 11 and 14, 1907, four evenings; James W. Mudge, Feb. 21, 25, 26 and 28, and Mar. 5, 6, 12 and 13, 1907, eight evenings.
Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Chapman District.—Frederick W. Swan, sub-master, to the same position in the Quincy District, from Apr. 1, 1907.
Dudley District.—Joseph A. Reddy, sub-master, to the same position in the George Putnam District, from Apr. 8, 1907.
George Putnam District.—William L. Bates, sub-master, to the same position in the Chapman District, from Apr. 1, 1907.
Norcross District—Emma F. Crane, assistant to the same position in the Phillips Brooks District, from Apr. 8, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Adams District—Annie F. Keating, assistant, Mar. 18, 1907, one-half day. May H. Sears, assistant, Mar. 15, 1907, one day.
Bowditch District—Mary E. Whitney, first assistant in charge, Mar. 26, 1907, one-half day.
Charles Sumner District—Charlotte B. Hall, master's assistant, from Mar. 11 until Mar. 13, 1907, three days. Martha W. Hanley, assistant, Mar. 12, 1907, one-half day. Margaret F. Marden, assistant, from Mar. 5 until Mar. 8, 1907, four days.
Dillaway District—Ellen M. Murphy, master, from Apr. 1 until July 1, 1907.
Dudley District—Katharine L. Connell, assistant, from Mar. 22 until Apr. 8, 1907.
Dwight District—Miriam Sterne, first assistant in charge, from Apr. 8 until Apr. 12, 1907, five days. Emma A. Child, assistant, from Mar. 19 until Mar. 22, 1907, three days.
Eliot District—Mary E. Hartnett, assistant, from Mar. 18 until Mar. 22, 1907, five days. Katharine G. Sutliff, assistant, Mar. 21, 1907, one-half day.
Franklin District—Ruth D. Stevens, assistant, Mar. 6, 1907, one day.
Frothingham District—Charles E. Quirk, sub-master, Mar. 27, 1907, one-half day.
Gaston District—Anna E. Somes, assistant, Mar. 14 and 15, 1907, two days.
Hancock District—Mary F. Montrose, assistant, from Mar. 25 until Apr. 1, 1907, four days.
Harvard District—Darius Hadley, sub-master, from Apr. 2 until June 30, 1907. Ida B. Nute, assistant, from Apr. 1 until May 1, 1907.
Hyde District—Elvira T. Harvey, assistant, Mar. 8, 1907, one day.
John A. Andrew District—Ellen M. Collins, assistant, Apr. 9, 1907, one-half day. Sarah E. Welch, assistant, from Apr. 8, until Apr. 30, 1907.
Lewis District—Marguerite G. Brett, first assistant, primary school, Mar. 20, 21 and 22, 1907, three half days. Abigail A. Scannell, assistant, Mar. 26, 1907, one-half day. Jessie Tishler, assistant, Mar. 15, 1907, one-half day; Mar. 21, 1907, one-half day.
Minot District—Annie H. Gardner, assistant, from Apr. 2 until July 1, 1907. Lillian A. Simmons, assistant, from Mar. 12 until May 1, 1907.
Norcross District—Catherine H. Murphy, assistant, from Apr. 1 until July 1, 1907.
Phillips District—Katharine J. Burke, assistant, from Apr. 2 until July 1, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—Desire E. Nickels, assistant, Mar. 21, 1907, one-half day.
Sherwin District—Amy W. Shaw, assistant, Apr. 8, 1907, one day.
Shurtleff District—Lillian M. Hall, assistant, from Apr. 12 until July 1, 1907.
Thomas N. Hart District—Margaret J. Stewart, master's assistant, from Mar. 1, until Mar. 29, 1907. Mary F. Keyes, assistant, Mar. 27, 1907, one-half day. Mary I. Hamilton, first assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 8 until Apr. 12, 1907, five days.
Warren District—Carrie F. Gammell, assistant, Feb. 28, 1907, one day. M. Josephine Smith, assistant, from Apr. 1 until July 1, 1907.
Wells District.—Emeline E. Durgin, first assistant, grammar school, Mar. 18, 1907, one day. Teresa R. Flaherty, assistant, Feb. 28, 1907, one day.
William E. Russell District.—Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, from Mar. 25, until Mar. 28, 1907, four days.
Sewing—Emma G. Welch, teacher, from Apr. 1, until June 30, 1907.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of eighty-nine minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of five to be licensed to black boots, and of one to be licensed to act as a pedler.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of one minor to sell newspapers for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.
Approved

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The Chairman, Mr. Storrow, arrived and assumed the Chair.

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LOSS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

A report was received from the Superintendent, under date of Apr. 8, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Mar. 19, 1907, relative to the loss of military equipment in certain high schools, stating that from answers received from principals to questions sent out by him it appears that the nature of the reports of these losses have not been such as to fix definitely the time of disappearance and the responsibility therefor; neither does it seem possible to arrange a system of such reports that would not involve a larger amount of time than can properly be given thereto. Some of the principals are of the opinion that the material has been removed by persons outside of the school who were admitted to the drill halls at the time of public dances, basket ball games, etc. Others are of the opinion that the pupils themselves are responsible for the disappearance of the property. It seems evident that the most satisfactory solution will be a system of lockers so arranged as to prevent the removal of material of this kind. It is recommended that the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to give consideration to the furnishing of such lockers in the drill halls of the high schools.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was directed to request the Schoolhouse Commission to comply with the recommendation contained in the foregoing communication.

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LIGHTING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Board took up for consideration the communication from the Superintendent relative to the lighting of school buildings, and the communication from Fred A. Fernald relative to the lighting facilities in the Central Evening High School, laid over at the last meeting.

Pursuant to the action taken at said meeting, Fred A. Fernald, head-master of the Central Evening High School, appeared and was heard on the subject; also John F. Casey, head-master of the English High School, both of whom spoke of the unsatisfactory lighting of this building, which they stated was due largely to the color scheme adopted for the woodwork and walls in the several class rooms.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Chairman is hereby authorized to appoint a committee, consisting of three oculists and two electricians, to inspect the color schemes adopted for the treatment of woodwork, walls and ceilings in school buildings, and the means employed for providing artificial light in halls and classrooms both for day and evening use, and to report the result of their investigation thereof, with such recommendations relating thereto as may be deemed expedient.

On motion of the same member, the aforesaid communications were laid on the table pending the report of said committee.

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VACATION SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Apr. 3, 1907, reporting the establishment of the following vacation schools and playgrounds for the season of 1907, subject to the approval of the Board:

(1) Lyman (and Playground).
Emerson (Playground only)
Cudworth.
(2) Frothingham (and Playground).
(3) Hancock (and Playground).
(4) Washington (and Playground).
(5) Quincy (and Playground)
(6) Shurtleff (and Playground)
Clinch (and Playground).
(7) Thomas N. Hart (and Playground).
Benjamin Dean (and Playground).
(8) Comins (and Playground).
(9) Washington Allston (and Playground)
William Wirt Warren (and Playground).
(10) William E. Russell (and Playground).

Approved and placed on file.

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On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the course of study in vacation schools for the season of 1907 be as follows:—

Music.
Gymnastics and Games.
Cardboard Construction and Paper Work.
Sewing and Elementary Dressmaking.
Braiding, Weaving and Basketry.
Drawing and Color Work.
Nature Study and Field Work with Excursions.

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On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the salaries of teachers and other employees in the vacation schools during the year 1907 be established at the following rates:

Principals (per day).....$4.00
Teachers of the rank of first assistant (per day) 2.00
Teachers of the rank of assistant (per day).. 1.00
Heads of playgrounds (per day, one session) 1.20
Heads of playgrounds (per day, two sessions) 2.00
Helpers in playgrounds (per day, one session) ..... .80
Helpers in playgrounds (per day, two sessions) 1.25
Helpers in sand gardens (per day, one session) ..... .50
Helpers in sand gardens (per day, two sessions) ..... .75
Matrons in buildings (per day)..... 1.00
Janitors of schools occupying four rooms or less (per week)..... 5.00
Janitors of schools occupying more than four rooms, for each additional room (per week). .50
Janitors of yards used for playgrounds or sand gardens, including one room, or basement (per week)..... 5.00
Janitors of yards used for playgrounds or sand gardens when building is also occupied by a vacation school (per week)..... 1.50

Payments to janitors to be based upon number of class-rooms actually in use.

When assembly hall is used it is to be reckoned as equivalent to three class-rooms.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following orders:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 291, paragraphs 4 and 5. Strike out the paragraphs and insert in place thereof the following:—

4. In the Girls' Latin and Girls' High Schools the subordinate teachers shall consist of two masters, who shall be heads of departments, junior masters, first assistants, who shall be heads of departments, assistants and assistant instructors. In addition to the principal and masters there shall be one junior master for the first four hundred twenty pupils belonging and one additional junior master for every two hundred eighty pupils additional thereto; one first assistant for the first two hundred forty-five pupils belonging and one additional first assistant for every seventy pupils additional thereto, until the maximum number of four first assistants is reached; one assistant instructor for the first three hundred fifty pupils belonging, and one additional assistant instructor for every one hundred forty pupils additional thereto; and a sufficient number of assistants to make the entire quota of masters, junior masters, first assistants, assistants, and assistant instructors equal to one for every thirty-five pupils; provided, that no teacher serving in these schools before June 1, 1906, shall be reduced in rank or salary because of the operation of this section. The position of assistant principal shall be abolished on the retirement of the present incumbents.

5. The number of teachers to which any number of pupils will entitle the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools is shown in the following schedule:—

GIRLS' HIGH AND GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOLS.

No. of Pupils	Masters	J.M.	First Assts	Assts	Asst Insts	Total
210	2	—	—	4	—	6
245	2	—	1	4	—	7
280	2	—	1	5	—	8
315	2	—	2	5	—	9
350	2	—	2	5	1	10
385	2	—	3	5	1	11
420	2	1	3	5	1	12
455	2	1	4	5	1	13
490	2	1	4	5	2	14
525	2	1	4	6	2	15
560	2	1	4	7	2	16
595	2	1	4	8	2	17
630	2	1	4	8	3	18
665	2	1	4	9	3	19
700	2	2	4	9	3	20
735	2	2	4	10	3	21
770	2	2	4	10	4	22
805	2	2	4	11	4	23
840	2	2	4	12	4	24
875	2	2	4	13	4	25
910	2	2	4	13	5	26
945	2	2	4	14	5	27
980	2	3	4	14	5	28
1015	2	3	4	15	5	29
1050	2	3	4	15	6	30
1085	2	3	4	16	6	31
1120	2	3	4	17	6	32
1155	2	3	4	18	6	33
1190	2	3	4	18	7	34

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:—

Section 291, paragraphs 6 and 7. Strike out the paragraphs and insert in place thereof the following:—

6. In the high schools attended by both boys and girls the subordinate teachers shall consist of two masters, who shall be heads of departments, junior masters, instructors, first assistants, who shall be heads of departments, assistants and assistant instructors; provided, that masters serving in these schools before June 1, 1906, who do not become heads of departments shall retain the rank of master, and that junior masters serving in these schools before June 1, 1906, shall for the twelfth and subsequent years of service have the rank of master. In addition to the principal and masters who are heads of departments, there shall be one junior master for the first four hundred twenty pupils belonging, and one additional junior master for every two hundred eighty pupils additional thereto; one male instructor for the first five hundred sixty pupils belonging, and one additional male instructor for every two hundred eighty pupils additional thereto; one first assistant for the first two hundred forty-five pupils belonging and one additional first assistant for every seventy pupils additional thereto until the maximum of four first assistants is reached; one assistant instructor for the first three hundred fifty pupils belonging and one additional assistant instructor for every one hundred forty pupils additional thereto; and a sufficient number of assistants to make the entire quota of masters, junior masters, instructors, first assistants, assistants and assistant instructors equal to one for every thirty-five pupils; provided, that no teacher serving in these schools before June 1, 1906, shall be reduced in rank or salary because of the operation of this section. The position of assistant principal shall be abolished on the retirement of the present incumbents.

7. The number of teachers to which any number of pupils will entitle mixed high schools is shown in the following schedule:—

MIXED HIGH SCHOOLS.

No. of Pupils.	Master.	J.M.	Male Inst.	First Assts.	Assts.	Asst. Inst.	Total
210	2	—	—	—	4	—	6
245	2	—	—	1	4	—	7
280	2	—	—	1	5	—	8
315	2	—	—	2	5	—	9
350	2	—	—	2	5	1	10
385	2	—	—	3	5	1	11
420	2	1	—	3	5	1	12
455	2	1	—	4	5	1	13
490	2	1	—	4	5	2	14
525	2	1	—	4	6	2	15
560	2	1	1	4	6	2	16
595	2	1	1	4	7	2	17
630	2	1	1	4	7	3	18
665	2	1	1	4	8	3	19
700	2	2	1	4	8	3	20
735	2	2	1	4	9	3	21
770	2	2	1	4	9	4	22
805	2	2	1	4	10	4	23
840	2	2	2	4	10	4	24
875	2	2	2	4	11	4	25
910	2	2	2	4	11	5	26
945	2	2	2	4	12	5	27
980	2	3	2	4	12	5	28
1015	2	3	2	4	13	5	29
1050	2	3	2	4	13	6	30
1085	2	3	2	4	14	6	31
1120	2	3	3	4	14	6	32
1155	2	3	3	4	15	6	33
1190	2	3	3	4	15	7	34

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ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 292, paragraph 2. Strike out the paragraph and insert in place thereof the following:—

2. There shall be one principal for each elementary school district. Beside the principal each elementary school district shall be allowed one teacher regardless of rank for grades above the first as follows: For the school year 1907-08 one teacher for every forty-eight pupils belonging. For the school year 1908-09, one teacher for every forty-six pupils belonging. For the school year 1909-10 and thereafter, one teacher for each forty-four pupils belonging. Each elementary school district shall be allowed one teacher for every forty-two pupils belonging to the first grade. An additional teacher in any grade may be appointed for an excess of thirty pupils. When there is a deficiency of thirty pupils, a teacher shall be transferred or removed from the service.

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ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 292, paragraphs 4 and 5. Strike out the paragraphs and insert in place thereof the following:—

4. Each elementary school district, except those attended exclusively by girls in grades above the third, shall be entitled to one sub-master. Each elementary school district, attended exclusively by boys in grades above the third, shall be entitled to two sub-masters if the number of pupils belonging in grades above the third exceeds six hundred. Such additional sub-masters may be appointed as the Board may from time to time authorize. Each elementary school district shall be entitled to one master's assistant. Each elementary school district, attended exclusively by girls in grades above the third, shall be entitled to one first assistant, grammar school, if the number of pupils belonging in grades above the third exceeds six hundred. The rank of first assistant, grammar school, except as provided for in this section, shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

5. The number of teachers to which any number of pupils will entitle an elementary school district is shown in the following schedule:

In the First Grade.

No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.
30 to 71	1
72 to 113	2
114 to 155	3
156 to 197	4
198 to 239	5
240 to 281	6

In Grades Above the First
For the School Year 1907-08.

No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.
510 to 557	11
558 to 605	12
606 to 653	13
654 to 701	14
702 to 749	15
750 to 797	16
798 to 845	17
846 to 893	18
894 to 941	19
942 to 989	20

In Grades Above the First
For the School Year 1908-09.

No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.
490 to 535	11
536 to 581	12
582 to 627	13
628 to 673	14
674 to 719	15
720 to 765	16
766 to 811	17
812 to 857	18
858 to 903	19
904 to 949	20

In Grades Above the First
For the School Year 1909-10 and Thereafter.

No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.
470 to 513	11
514 to 557	12
558 to 601	13
602 to 645	14
646 to 689	15
690 to 733	16
734 to 777	17
778 to 821	18
822 to 865	19
866 to 909	20

Laid over to the next meeting.

Subsequently the Board took up for consideration the report from the Board of Superintendents relative to reducing the quota of pupils to a teacher in elementary schools laid over at the last meeting.

The rules were suspended, and the order and part of an order amending paragraphs 2 and 5 of section 292 were passed, and the report placed on file.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the regulations governing the use of school buildings be amended as follows:

Section 13, paragraph 1. Add the following words at the end of said paragraph:—The director and assistant director of drawing and manual training shall each be allowed a key to the Public Latin School-house.

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JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue a draft for the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) in favor of Assistant Superintendent Maurice P. White, and to charge the same to the appropriation for the exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition; the money to be expended by Mr. White in payment of expenses for installation of said exhibit, and for expenses connected therewith, and an itemized account of these expenses to be made to the Business Agent.

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ADDITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That an additional kindergarten be established in the Franklin District, to be located in the Lincoln House at 80 Emerald street, the city of Boston to pay no rent for the premises so occupied, but to pay to the Lincoln House Association a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100) per annum for heating and janitor's services.

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SALARY OF STELLA L. SHERMAN.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the salary of Stella L. Sherman, assistant in the office of the Superintendent, be fixed at the rate of eight hundred and forty dollars ($840) per annum, to date from April 1, 1907, and until otherwise ordered.

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COMPENSATION OF CLERKS AND STENOGRAPHERS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the compensation of clerks and stenographers hereafter employed in the offices of the School Committee shall be established at the following rate:—

First year $600; annual increase, $60; maximum, $840; and that such clerks and stenographers who are now in the service and who receive less than $840 per annum, shall continue on their present salaries until March 1, 1908, when they shall be severally advanced at the rate of $60 per annum; and shall thereafter be advanced at the same rate on March 1 of each succeeding year until the maximum of $840 shall be attained.

Laid on the table.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1906-07.

The financial report of the School Committee for the year 1906-07, prepared by the Auditor, pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Mar. 4, 1907, being School Document No. 1, 1907, was presented.

Accepted.

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PRIZE FOR ESSAY ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Mar. 22, 1907, in response to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Mar. 19, 1907, relative to an offer from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association of a medal as a prize for the best essay on Civil Service Reform, to be competed for by some scholars in the upper grades of the Boston public schools, recommending that it is inadvisable to accept said offer.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents adopted.

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JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 1, 1907, reporting the death of Mary A. Daly, janitor of the Cook School-house, which occurred on Mar. 30, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 2, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Cook School-house, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had appointed Lulu Moore, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Apr. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 5, 1907, reporting the death of Charles Drayton, janitor of the Common-street School-house, which occurred on Apr. 2, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 3, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had appointed William A. Kinsley for a period of ten days or less, to date from Apr. 2, 1907.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon

the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates eligible for appointment to the janitorship of the Common-street and of the Cook School-houses.

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PAYMENT TO WILLIAM A. KINSLEY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 5, 1907, enclosing a bill from William A. Kinsley, amounting to $5, for washing the windows of the Common-street School-house, and recommending that the same be paid.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of five dollars ($5) for washing the windows of the Common-street School-house during the current month.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 8, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Mar. 19, to Apr. 8, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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APPOINTMENT OF A JANITOR AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 6, 1907, enclosing an application from Patrick J. Downey, janitor of the Sarah J. Baker School-house, for appointment as special police officer.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was authorized to make the usual application for the appointment of the aforesaid janitor as a special police officer.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

Mr. Brock offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 213, paragraph 1. Insert after the word "certificate" in the third line the words:—granted for cause stated therein, so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

Sect. 213, paragraph 1. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate granted for cause stated therein, signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. This certificate shall state that at the time of giving such certificate the physician has personally examined the child and is of the opinion that the physical condition of the child is such that his health will be endangerd by vaccination. Such certificates are not required of pupils who are transferred from one public school to another.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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MASS. EMERGENCY AND HYGIENE ASSOCIATION, PLAYGROUNDS, 1907.

A communication was received from Dr. James J. Minot, on behalf of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, under date of Mar. 30, 1907, requesting the use of the yards and basements of the following-named schools in connection with the maintenance of sand gardens by that association during the summer of 1907:

Adams,
Phillips,
Lawrence,
Parkman,
Quincy,
Andrews (and one class room).
Sherwin,
George-street,
Aaron Davis.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the application was approved.

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DENISON HOUSE, VACATION SCHOOLS, 1907.

An application was received from Mary H. Dana, on behalf of the College Settlement, Denison House, for permission to occupy the Tyler-street School-house and the Hudson-street Manual Training room from July 8 to Aug. 17, 1907, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 12 M., for vacation school purposes.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny the application was approved.

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USE OF KINDERGARTEN ROOM, CHARLES C. PERKINS SCHOOL.

An application was received from Ellen Gray for permission to occupy the kindergarten room in the Charles C. Perkins School-house, one day a week for nine weeks, between the hours of 2 and 4 P.M., for instruction of teachers in kindergarten games.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the application was approved.

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NAMING OF OLD DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the order passed at the meeting of Jan. 7, 1907, that the Old Dorchester High School-house be named the Elbridge Smith School in honor of the first principal of the Dorchester High School was rescinded.

On motion of the same member, the following order was passed in place thereof:

ORDERED, That the Old Dorchester High School-house, now occupied by elementary classes, be named the Elbridge Smith School in honor of the late Elbridge Smith, who held the position of principal of the Dorchester High School from November, 1865, until September, 1889.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills for the month of April, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Storrow.

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OFFICES OF BOARD CLOSED, APRIL 20, 1907.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the offices of the School Committee be closed, as far as convenient, on Apr. 20, 1907.

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SALARY OF DOROTHY TAFT.

The Chairman presented a communication from Dorothy Taft, a teacher in the

Mather School, under date of Apr. 8, 1907, requesting that she be advanced to the fourth year of service in her rank.

Placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to notify Miss Taft that the Board does not see that it can consistently comply with her request.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

On motion of the Superintendent, the order offered by him at the meeting of Oct. 8, 1906, (see p. 199, Minutes of 1906) amending the regulations relative to the issuance of certificates of qualifications to college graduates who complete a course in the Boston Normal School, was taken from the table.

On motion of the Superintendent, the aforesaid order was amended to read as follows, and was then laid over to the next meeting:

ORDERED, That section 349 of the regulations be amended as follows:

Strike out the section and substitute therefor the following:

Section 349. A diploma of graduation from the Normal School issued after the year 1872 shall entitle the holder to receive a certificate of qualification, elementary school, class B. Those who complete the kindergarten course shall also receive a kindergarten certificate. Those who complete the special courses shall receive corresponding special certificates. Graduates of the Normal School who at the time of admission were graduates of universities or colleges approved by the board of superintendents shall be granted elementary school certificates, special, and after two years of service in the public day schools of Boston the holders of these elementary school certificates, special, may be granted certificates of qualification, elementary school, class A; provided that they have shown in a way satisfactory to the board of superintendents that they possess such knowledge of the principles and practice of education and such superior ability in teaching and governing schools as would warrant their appointment as sub-masters and first assistants.

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COURSE OF STUDY, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The Board took up for consideration the tentative course of study for the elementary schools submitted by the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the meeting of Feb. 18, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the course of study was adopted.

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COURSE OF LECTURES, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, the order passed at the meeting of Jan. 29, 1907 (see p. 17) authorizing the employment of Frank W. Noxon to deliver a course of lectures in the High School of Commerce for which he is to be paid the sum of $200 was rescinded.

On motion of the same member the original order as offered by the Superintendent at said meeting, viz.,

> ORDERED, That Frank W. Noxon be employed to deliver a course of lectures in the High School of Commerce during the remainder of the current school year, and that he be paid therefor at the conclusion of the course the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (250),

was passed.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Board proceeded to consider its list of unfinished business and acted thereon as follows:

Communication from the Schoolhouse Commission relative to the selection of names for school-houses, received and laid over at the meeting of Jan. 18, 1906.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file.

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Communication from the School Board of 1905, received at the meeting of Jan. 1, 1906, relative to the salaries of janitors of Latin and high school-houses; also communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian, relative to compensation for janitor service of high school-houses, received at the meeting of June 4, 1906.

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the School Board of 1905, recommending an amendment to the regulations to provide that additional duties be imposed on truant officers with respect to licensed minors.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Schoolhouse Commission relative to providing additional school accommodations in Ward 25, received at the meeting of Oct. 15, 1906.

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Superintendent relative to the establishment of an evening elementary school in the James Otis School-house in East Boston, received at the meeting of Oct. 15, 1906.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents relative to the application of Mrs. Helen F. Yeaton that the Col. Thomas Gardner Chapter, D. A. R., be allowed to award medals to pupils in the high and grammar schools of Ward 25 for proficiency in American history, received at the meeting of Oct. 15, 1906.

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

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Communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian relative to the cost of connecting the various school-houses with the Mason-street Building so that a direct signal may be given for the suspension of school sessions, received at the meeting of Dec. 17, 1906.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents requesting that an expenditure of $4000 be authorized for the purchase of maps for the schools, received at the meeting of Jan. 21, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Report from the Secretary relative to the lunch service in the English High School, received at the meeting of Jan. 21, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Janitors' Association applying for a uniform increase of ten per cent on the present schedule rate

upon which salaries of janitors are based, received at the meeting of Jan. 29, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian relative to extra meetings held in the English High School-house, received at the meeting of Jan. 29, 1907.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from Timothy A. Barrett requesting that he be considered an applicant for furnishing the lunch service in the various high schools, received at the meeting of Jan. 29, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, taken from the table, and placed on file.

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, and under a suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, April 22, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 10:08 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

April 29, 1907.

A regular adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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APPOINTMENTS ON PROBATION.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the various orders amending the regulations relating to the rank and number of teachers in the high and elementary schools, laid over at the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the orders and parts of orders amending Sect. 291, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the regulations relating to the rank and number of teachers in the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools; Sect. 291, paragraphs 6 and 7 relating to the rank and number of teachers in mixed high schools; and Sect. 292, paragraph 4 relating to the rank and number of teachers in elementary school districts, (See pp. 44 and 45), were again laid over to the next meeting.

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The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 213, paragraph 1. Insert after the word "certificate" in the third line the words:—granted for cause stated therein, so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

Sect. 213, paragraph 1. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate granted for cause stated therein, signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. This certificate shall state that at the time of giving such certificate the physician has personally examined the child and is of the opinion that the physical condition of the child is such that his health will be endangered by vaccination. Such certificates are not required of pupils who are transferred from one public school to another.

Passed.

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The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the order laid over at the last meeting, amending the regulations relative to the issuance of certificates of qualification to college graduates who complete a course in the Boston Normal School. (See p. 48.)

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, again laid over to the next meeting.

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USE OF BATHING FACILITIES, WEST ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,
April 29, 1907.

To the School Committee:—

Alderman Frederick A. Finigan has requested me to call the attention of your Board to the desirability of permitting the citizens of West Roxbury to use the bathing facilities in the West Roxbury High School-house outside of school hours. Inasmuch as this privilege is granted to persons in other sections of the City wherein school buildings with bathing accommodations are located, the people of this section feel that they should be given the same consideration.

Kindly look into the matter and advise me of any action taken.

Yours very truly,
John F. Fitzgerald, Mayor.

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A communication was also received from the Superintendent, pursuant to the action taken at the meeting of Feb. 18, 1907, relative to the use of the gymnasium of the West Roxbury High School, stating that he is of the opinion that school property should be used exclusively for the purpose for which it was originally intended, unless very favorable conditions for the extension of this use exist, that such conditions do not exist in the case of the West Roxbury High School, and recommending that the Board of Aldermen be informed that it is inexpedient to grant the use of said gymnasium, as requested.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communications were placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to notify His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient to permit the public use of the bathing accommodations in the West Roxbury High School-house, and to state the reasons therefor.

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USE OF BATHS, COPLEY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Chairman presented a report to the effect that the Bath Trustees had informed him that they desired to make an arrangement with the School Committee permitting them to take charge of the baths in the Copley School-house evenings, and keep them open for the use of the general public. The Trustees offered to make at their expense whatever changes were necessary in the building, to reimburse the School Committee for the expense of the electric lighting and for the coal consumed in heating the building and water for the baths. The Trustees offered to pay for the electric lights at the rate of 25c. per hour, and for the coal at the rate of one-half ton of coal per night, at the contract price paid by the School Committee. Bills for the electric lighting and coal will be rendered to the Bath Trustees by the School Committee on the tenth of each month. The Bath Trustees will also employ the regular janitor of the building to take charge of the heating apparatus, and are to pay her themselves; and will furnish on evenings when the baths are to be used by men, two male attendants from their own employees to take charge of the baths and clean the part of the building used, and two female attendants on the nights

when the baths are to be used by women and girls.

Inasmuch as the Bath Trustees desired to open the baths at once the Chairman reported that after consulting the members of the committee he had consented to the baths being opened on Tuesday evening, April 16, and recommended that this action and the continuance of the arrangements set forth in this report be approved by the Board.

Accompanying the foregoing statement was a communication from the General Superintendent of the Bath Department stating that the arrangements as stated therein are as understood by that department.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the action and recommendation of the Chairman as contained in the foregoing report were approved and adopted.

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DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Subsequently, the following communication was received:

City of Boston, In Common Council,
April 11, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested to furnish to the Common Council a detailed report of the actual work performed by the five Instructors of Physical Training.

Passed in Common Council, April 11, 1907.

A true copy,
Attest:
Joseph O'Kane,
Clerk of the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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DEATHS.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teachers which occurred on the date set opposite each name:

Dillaway District—Ellen M. Murphy, master, Apr. 13, 1907.

Hyde District—Alice T. Kelley, assistant, Apr. 19, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF ELLEN M. MURPHY.

Mr. William S. Kenny offered the following:

RESOLVED, That this Board has learned with sincere regret of the death of Miss Ellen M. Murphy, late master of the Dillaway District, which took place on Saturday, April 13, 1907, after a lingering illness.

Miss Murphy was born in Roxbury on March 17, 1860; was graduated from the Dillaway Grammar School in 1875, from the Roxbury High School in 1878, and from the Boston Normal School in 1879.

In November, 1880, she was appointed as a permanent teacher in the Lewis School where she was promoted to the rank of first assistant in 1896. She remained in this latter position until October 1, 1906, when she became master of the Dillaway School.

Miss Murphy, it will be seen, was a product of the Boston public school system in which practically her entire life was spent, first as a pupil and then as a teacher, rising finally to the important and responsible position of principal of a large elementary school district, the duties of which she discharged with efficiency and faithfulness during the brief period she was permitted to enjoy the well earned reward for her many years of devoted service. The public schools of Boston have always been fortunate in the quality, character and zeal of the teaching staff and to the high standard so long established, Miss Murphy fully conformed.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Board, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to Miss Murphy's family as evidence of the high regard in which she was held and as an expression of sympathy in their grief.

Adopted unanimously.

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DEATH OF ALICE T. KELLEY.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny the following minute was ordered spread upon the records:

The death of Miss Alice T. Kelley removes a teacher whose long and faithful service deserves at least a word of appreciation on the part of this Board.

Miss Kelley entered the service on October 9, 1871, as third assistant in the Sherwin District. On December 1, 1884, she was appointed second assistant in the same district. On September 4, 1896, she was transferred to the position of third assistant in the Hyde District, where she remained until her death on April 19, 1907.

There is ever in the community a warm feeling of regard, often of affection, for those devoted men and women who spend their lives not merely in the teaching prescribed in courses of study, but in the up-building of character, and in impressing upon the minds and hearts of their pupils the more important lessons that make for civic righteousness and fidelity to high ideals in home as well as in business life. These duties and privileges were discharged by Miss Kelley for more than thirty-five years in the schools of this city with untiring fidelity and zeal. Her labor is now accomplished, but her works will live after her.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:

Dorchester High School—Jane A. McLellan, assistant, May 1, 1907.

Girls' High School—John Tetlow, headmaster, Sept. 1, 1907.

Robert G. Shaw District—Ethel H. Pendleton, assistant, kindergarten, Apr. 30, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bowdoin District—Harriet White, from Apr. 18, 1907.

Comins District—Eleanor M. Osterberg, kindergarten, from Apr. 9, 1907.

Dwight District—Laila G. Birch, kindergarten, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Lowell District—Mary Crampton, from Apr. 15, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Frances A. Neilson, from Apr. 29, 1907.

Mather District—Grace M. Cavanagh, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Phillips District—Elizabeth A. Donahue, Ella F. Murray, from Apr. 17, 1907; Frances E. Woods, from Apr. 16, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—Gertrude P. Stephan, from Apr. 11, 1907.

Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dorchester High School—Mary C. Humphrey, assistant, from May 1, 1907.

Dudley District—William A. Hoyt, submaster, from Apr. 8, 1907.

Emerson District—Edward J. Muldoon, assistant, from Mar. 26 to Apr. 18, 1907, inclusive.
Lowell District—Eva M. Cotton, assistant, from May 3, 1907.
Mather District—Dorothy Taft, assistant, from Mar. 14 to Mar. 18, 1907, inclusive, three days.
Manual Training—Garretta K. Seger, assistant instructor, from Apr. 23, 1907, for one-half day each week.
Placed on file.

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PRINCIPALS.

Girls' High School—Albert P. Walker, head-master, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Dillaway District—Emma S. Gulliver, master, from May 7, 1907.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Bowdoin District—Hattie H. Batson, assistant, from Apr. 22, 1907.
Dwight District—Lillian M. Bonelli, assistant, kindergarten, from May 1, 1907.
Jefferson District—Christine E. Glynn, assistant, kindergarten, from May 1, 1907.
Lewis District—Esther Babcock, assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 15, 1907.
Lyman District—Anna E. Theisinger, assistant, from Apr. 22, 1907.
Quincy District—Lillian M. Watts, Ellen J. Brosnahan, assistants, from May 1, 1907.
Robert G. Shaw District—Stella W. Seymour, assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 30, 1907.
Wells District—Dora L. Adler, assistant, kindergarten, from May 1, 1907.
Approved.

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(By Promotion.)

Emerson District—Mary R. Thomas, master's assistant, from Apr. 22, 1907.
Approved.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

South Boston High School—Arthur F. Campbell, junior-master.
Adams District—Annice A. Anderson, assistant.
Agassiz District—Elvera M. Bloom, assistant.
Chapman District—Grace E. Fogg, assistant.
Comins District—Margaret S. Lunt, assistant.
Longfellow District—Elnora O. C. Standish, assistant.
Thomas Gardner District—Alice R. Eliot, first assistant, kindergarten.
Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Lyman District—Helen E. Hermes, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Hyde District, from Apr. 22, 1907.
Quincy District—Zelpha L. Thayer, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Hyde District, from Apr. 29, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Bowdoin District—(Sharp Kindergarten, No. 1), Julia A. Foley, from Apr. 30, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—(Dorchester-avenue Kindergarten), Winifred J. Corkum, from Apr. 23, 1907.
Robert G. Shaw District—(Baker-street Kindergarten), Louise Halloran, from Apr. 8, 1907.
Placed on file.

ACTING PRINCIPAL, PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL.

The Superintendent reported that he had designated Byron Groce, a master in the Public Latin School, to take charge of said school during the absence of its principal on account of illness, or until such time as the position is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Charlestown High School—Lotta A. Clark, assistant, Apr. 25, 1907, one day. John W. Regan, permanent substitute, Apr. 26, 1907, one day.
East Boston High School—Augustus F. Rose, special instructor of drawing and manual training, Apr. 10, 1907, one day.
Girls High School—Clara A. Hawthorne, special assistant, Apr. 23, 1907, one day.
Adams District—Jennie A. Mayer, assistant, from Apr. 8 until June 29, 1907.
Agassiz District—Alice G. Cleaveland, assistant, from Mar. 14 until Apr. 12, 1907. Mabelle E. Lounsbury, assistant, from Mar. 1 until Mar. 28, 1907. Arthur E. Baker, sub-master, Mar. 11, 1907, one day.
Blackinton District—Herbert L. Morse, master, Apr. 12, 1907, one-half day. Minnie Goldsmith, assistant, Mar. 15, 1907, one day.
Bowditch District—Martha T. Howes, assistant, from Apr. 1 until June 30, 1907.
Bowdoin District—Carolyn M. Fletcher, assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 15 until June 30, 1907.
Brimmer District—Mary A. Carney, assistant, from Apr. 15 until May 3, 1907, fifteen days.
Comins District—Mary E. O'Donnell, assistant, from Mar. 4 until Mar. 18, 1907, nine days, and one-half day.
Dearborn District—Lizzie M. Hersey, assistant, from Apr. 12 until July 1, 1907. Annie S. Irvin, assistant, from Apr. 16 until July 1, 1907. Abby E. Flagg, assistant, Apr. 15, 1907, one-half day. Mary C. Harrington, assistant, Apr. 17, 1907, one-half day.
Dillaway District—Martha L. Reid, assistant, Mar. 24, 1907, one-half day. Ellen A. Scollin, assistant, Apr. 17, 1907, one-half day.
Dudley District—Mary H. Cashman, assistant, from Apr. 16 until Apr. 18, 1907, inclusive, three days. Elizabeth F. Johnson, assistant, from Apr. 8 until June 3, 1907.
Edward Everett District—Florence N. Sloane, first assistant in charge, Mar. 20, 1907, one-half day.
Eliot District—Ellen G. Bird, assistant, Mar. 14 and 15, 1907, two days. Margaret V. Quinlan, assistant kindergarten, Apr. 12, 1907, one-half day.
Everett District—Minnie T. Varney, assistant, from Apr. 8 until May 1, 1907.
Franklin District—Ella F. Erskine, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907, one day. Carrie M. Goulding, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907, one day. Ruth D. Stevens, assistant, Apr. 9 and 10, 1907, two days.
Frothingham District—Abbie C. McAuliffe, assistant, Apr. 16, 1907, one-half day.
Gaston District—Clara A. Sharp, assistant, from Mar. 11 until Apr. 18, 1907.
George Putnam District—Minnie E. Farnsworth, assistant, from Mar. 18 until Mar. 28, 1907, inclusive, nine days.
Hancock District—Mary F. Montrose, assistant, Apr. 12, 1907, one day. Mary E. O'Hare, assistant, Apr. 12, 1907, one day.
Horace Mann School—Sarah A. J. Monro, assistant, from Apr. 15 until Apr. 17, 1907, inclusive, two days and one half day. Amy M. Pleadwell, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907, one day.

Hyde District—Celia Bamber, assistant, from Apr. 12 until Apr. 17, 1907, three days.
John A. Andrew District—Emily F. Hodsdon, assistant, Apr. 17 and Apr. 18, 1907, two days.
Lewis District—Agnes R. Elliott, first assistant, kindergarten, Apr. 8 and Apr. 9, 1907, two days.
Longfellow District—Emma Burrows, assistant, from Apr. 12 until Apr. 17, 1907, three days.
Lowell District—Eliza C. Fisher, master's assistant, from May 1 until July 1, 1907.
Lyman District—Bereneice E. Reardon, assistant, from Apr. 15 until Apr. 18, 1907, inclusive, four days.
Martin District—Mary V. Gormley, assistant, from Apr. 22 until July 1, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Bertha F. Cudworth, assistant, Apr. 9, 1907, one-half day.
Mather District—Elizabeth V. Cloney, assistant, from Mar. 25 until Mar. 28, 1907, inclusive, four days.
Minot District—Lillian A. Simmons, assistant, from May 1 until July 1, 1907.
Norcross District—Eleanor J. Cashman, first assistant in charge, Apr. 16 until Apr. 18, 1907, inclusive, three days. Mary E. Downing, assistant, Mar. 11, 1907, one-half day. Josephine J. Mahoney, assistant, from Mar. 14 until Mar. 29, 1907, ten days.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Josephine F. Sullivan, assistant, from Mar. 25 until Mar. 28, 1907, two days and one half day. Edith L. Phelan, first assistant, kindergarten, from Mar. 20 until Mar. 28, 1907, six days.
Phillips Brooks District—Grace M. Hart, assistant, Mar. 11, 1907, one-half day.
Prescott District—Elizabeth J. Doherty, assistant, from May 1 until July 1, 1907.
Prince District—Sarah A. Ginn, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907, one day.
Sherwin District—Alice M. Colleton, assistant, Apr. 25, 1907, one-half day. Beulah S. Cone, assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 1 until July 1, 1907.
Thomas Gardner District—Marguerite L. Lillis, assistant, Apr. 16, 1907, one-half day. Eleanor L. Sullivan, assistant, Apr. 16, 1907, one-half day.
Warren District—Caroline E. Osgood, assistant, from Apr. 8 until July 1, 1907.
Washington District—Mary L. Bibbey, assistant, from Apr. 22 until Apr. 24, 1907, inclusive, three days.
Wells District—Emeline E. Durgin, first assistant, grammar school, Apr. 8, 1907, one-half day. Nellie M. Durgin, assistant, Apr. 8, 1907 one-half day. Mary F. Finneran assistant, Apr. 15 and 16, 1907, two days.
William E. Russell District—Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, Apr. 23, 1907, one-half day.
Winthrop District—Helen L. Hilton, master's assistant, Apr. 23, 1907, one-half day.
Cookery—Julia M. Murphy, teacher, Apr. 18, 1907, one day.
Manual Training—Joseph F. Carter assistant instructor, Apr. 26, 1907, one day. Delia E. Donahue, assistant instructor, Apr. 9, 1907, one-half day. George F. Hatch, instructor, from Apr. 22 until Apr. 26, 1907, inclusive, five days.
Sewing—Mary T. Hassett, teacher, Apr. 17, 1907, one-half day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, travel or rest, as specified, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Charlestown High School—Margaret T. Wise, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for study and travel.
Dorchester High School—Katherine K. Marlow, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until July 1, 1908, for study and travel.
Dwight District—Anna J. O'Brien, assistant, from May 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908, for study.
Franklin District—Emma E. Allin, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for rest.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified, without pay, and her resignation was accepted to take effect on Sept. 1, 1908.
Lowell District—Mary W. Howard, assistant, from May 3, until July 1, 1907, and from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

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ADDITIONAL UNGRADED CLASS, HYDE DISTRICT.

The Superintendent reported that he had established, subject to the approval of the Board, an additional ungraded class in the Hyde District, to date from Apr. 22, 1907.
Approved.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of one hundred twenty-two minors to be licensed to sell newspapers; of eight to be licensed to black boots, and of one to be licensed to act as a pedler.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of one minor to sell newspapers, and of one to black boots, for violation of the conditions on which said licenses were granted.
Approved.

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PAYMENT TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the special assistant in the Public Latin School, in addition to her regular salary, be paid ten dollars ($10.00) per month during the remainder of the school year for services rendered as stenographer in the office of the Director of Drawing and Manual Training.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GRADUATING EXERCISES, NINTH GRADE PUPILS, FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide suitable accommodations for the graduating exercises in June next of the ninth grade pupils in the Agassiz District now in the Francis Parkman School-house, preferably by hiring Minton Hall on Forest Hills Square for that purpose.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GRADUATING EXERCISES, MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide suitable accommodations for the graduating exercises of the Mechanic Arts High School in June next, preferably by hiring Jordan Hall on Huntington avenue.

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EXHIBIT OF KINDERGARTEN WORK.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the expenditure of a

sum not exceeding fifteen dollars ($15.00) be authorized in preparing an exhibit of kindergarten work for the meeting of the International Kindergarten Union in New York City on May 1, 2 and 3, 1907.

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REFERENCE BOOK, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Apr. 18, 1907, recommending that Cardboard Construction, by J. Herman Trybom, published by Milton Bradley Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in the elementary schools, one copy to be furnished each teacher of grades IV, V and VI.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That Cardboard Construction, by J. Herman Trybom, published by Milton Bradley Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in the elementary schools, one copy to be furnished each teacher of grades IV, V and VI.

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MODIFICATION OF COURSE OF STUDY, BOYS' ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Apr. 18, 1907, requesting that the authorization made on Apr. 12, 1904, in which permission was granted to modify the course of study in the Winthrop School be extended, by authorizing the Superintendent to designate one or more boys' elementary schools in which the course of study may be experimentally modified for the purpose of determining in what way these schools may become more effective in training pupils for industrial pursuits, while at the same time maintaining their efficiency for preparation for high schools.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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REFERENCE MAPS, HIGH, LATIN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Apr. 12, 1907, recommending that a Blackboard Outline Map of the Mediterranean countries, and a Blackboard Outline Map of Europe, published by the J. L. Hammett Co., be authorized for reference use in the high and Latin schools.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Apr. 12, 1907, recommending that the following-named maps be authorized for reference use in high, Latin and elementary schools:

The Phillips's Comparative Series of Large Schoolroom Maps of The World, North America, South America, British Isles, Europe, Asia, Africa, published by Kenny Bros. & Wolkins.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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PREPARATION OF PAYROLLS, AND INVENTORY OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The following communication was received:

Boston, April 18, 1907.

School Committee, City of Boston.

Gentlemen:

I desire to place before the Committee for its consideration a suggestion in regard to the preparation of the pay roll of the department which I believe will tend to facilitate the work of preparation and make the pay roll indicate with exactness the service it is intended to cover.

At present, the principal of each school district is asked, in the early part of the month, to certify to the Business Agent the amount to which each teacher will be entitled for service to the end of that month. It is the usual practice to certify the teacher for the full salary for the month, less deduction for absence in the previous month. Special assistants are certified only to the fifteenth of the month, and Substitutes only for service up to the end of the previous month.

It will be seen from the above that a pay roll thus made up, does not at all represent the service it assumes to cover, and it creates three different dates to which settlement has been made.

It frequently happens that, after a pay roll has been prepared and before it goes to the City Auditor, a teacher resigns or dies, making necessary a change in the roll and the schedules with the attendant liability of error. If the roll has gone to the City Auditor it is necessary to request that payment be withheld, and adjustment must be made on the following pay roll. If payment has been made by the City Treasurer, it becomes the unpleasant duty of the Business Agent to attempt collection of any amount overpaid.

From this it will be seen that the pay roll, which should be disposed of as any other item of the office routine, really compels almost continual attention, to the exclusion of other work.

I am confident that the principals would be glad to have their certification more nearly meet their ideas of correct business procedure, and it seems to me that relieving this certification of its perfunctory features would tend to add to the act of certification, that serious responsibility which its importance demands.

With these remarks, which are offered for the purpose of showing the conditions it is proposed to improve, I beg to offer the following suggestion:

I suggest that, instead of preparing the pay roll in advance, as at present, it be prepared the first part of the month and cover all service to the end of the previous month. In order to do this it will be necessary to defer the payment of one roll until the month following. In this connection I wish to say that, under the present conditions, the teachers are paid anywhere from the 25th to the 30th of the month, and I have no doubt that the City Treasurer could arrange to pay them from the 10th to the 15th, so that the change from the present method to the one suggested, would mean that there would be a delay in payment of one month's salary only of from 15 to not more than 20 days. After the first month there would be no difference.

It is customary at summer vacation time to give to the teachers, when leaving, their salary for June and July, and, upon their return, to have ready for payment the pay roll for August which is available for the teachers the first of September. It is also customary to, at once, prepare the pay roll for September service, which is payable the latter part of that month.

If the principle in my remarks commends itself to the Committee, it is my suggestion that the change be made at the coming summer vacation, as it would then cause less inconvenience than at any other part of the year. The plan would be, to give the June and July salaries, as at present; on the return in September pay the August salary, and then defer the payment of the salary for September, until about the 10th of October, I can imagine no serious inconvenience to anyone because of this slight delay, particularly as, if the Committee approve the change, the teachers will have ample time to arrange their affairs so as to prevent any inconvenience.

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the present method tends to put the greatest hardship on that class of service which, because of its non-continuous employment, is least able to stand it, viz: the Substitute service, which is obliged to wait an average of 40 days for its pay.

I am strongly of the opinion that the plan proposed in my suggestion promises advantages which far outweigh any possible temporary inconveniences which might be incident to its introduction.

Would also suggest the advisability of having a complete inventory of school property taken at the close of the present term. From information which has come to me, I believe that there is a considerable amount of property lying idle in some of the schools, which might be made useful in other schools which have not been so fully equipped, or (if that use is not practical) which might be disposed of by sale or by exchange for supplies which are now required for use.

I believe this inventory could be taken without any encroachment on the vacation of the masters, if the decision to have it made is arrived at early, so that time may be had to acquaint the masters with what is expected of them, and to prepare the necessary forms.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Smith, Business Agent.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid over to the next meeting.

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JANITORSHIPS, COOK AND COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of Apr. 15, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Apr. 8, 1907, reporting that the following-named persons have been certified by the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancies in the janitorships of the Cook and Common-street School-houses: George P. Young, Edward L. Menz, Callahan T. Hogan and George E. Gilday.

Placed on file.

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Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under dates of Apr. 13 and 22, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, he had reappointed William A. Kinsley for periods of ten days or less, to date from Apr. 12 and 22, 1907.

Placed on file, and the reappointments approved.

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Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under dates of Apr. 13 and 20, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Cook School-house, he had reappointed Lulu Moore for periods of ten days or less, to date from Apr. 11 and 21, 1907.

Placed on file, and the reappointments approved.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian under date of Apr. 29, 1907, stating that he had communicated with the various candidates certified by the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy in the janitorships of the Cook and Common-street School-houses, that George P. Young and George E. Gilday had declined to be considered for the positions; that Callahan T. Hogan and Edward L. Menz desired appointment, and recommending that Edward L. Menz be appointed to the janitorship of the Common-street School-house and that Callahan T. Hogan be appointed to the Cook School-house, both to date from May 1, 1907.

Placed on file, and the aforesaid appointments approved.

PAYMENT TO WILLIAM A. KINSLEY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, recommending that there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of $38.66 for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house from Apr. 2 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of thirty-eight and 66-100 dollars ($38.66) for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house from Apr. 2 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO LULU MOORE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, recommending that there be paid to Lulu Moore the sum of $39 for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house from Apr. 1 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Lulu Moore the sum of thirty-nine dollars ($39) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house from Apr. 1 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, RUTLAND-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, reporting the death of Daniel H. Gill, janitor of the Rutland-street School-house, which occurred on Apr. 25, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 26, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Rutland-street School-house, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had appointed Susan Drake for a period of ten days or less, to date from Apr. 25, 1907.

Placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, pursuant to the order passed by the Board on Jan. 29, 1906, relative to transferring janitors, assistant janitors or engineers so that all school buildings, except the Mechanic Arts High School-house, shall be under the responsible charge of one individual, recommending that Charles J. Hurlbert, assistant janitor of the Girls' High School-house, be transferred to the janitorship of the new Charlestown High School-house, to date from May 15, 1907.

Placed on file, and the transfer approved.

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JANITORSHIP, LITTLE EM'LY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, stating that the Little Em'ly School-house, located in the yard of the Harris School-house, was opened for school purposes on Apr. 29, 1907, and recommending that John Buckpitt, janitor of the

Harris School-house, be appointed to the janitorship of said building to date from Apr. 27, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Apr. 9 to 29, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO JAMES J. DONNELLY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 22, 1907, enclosing a bill from James J. Donnelly for services rendered in the heating of the East Boston Evening Drawing School, from Nov. 28, 1906, to Mar. 15, 1907, amounting to $21.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to James J. Donnelly the sum of twenty-one dollars ($21) for services rendered in heating the rooms occupied by the East Boston Evening Drawing School from Nov. 28, 1906, to Mar. 15, 1907.

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DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 29, 1907, submitting, for approval, the following list of days upon which flags should be displayed on the various school buildings:

Franklin's birthday, January 17.
Lincoln's birthday, February 12.
Washington's birthday, February 22.
Evacuation Day, March 17.
Patriots' Day, April 19
Grant's birthday, April 27.
Memorial Day, flag at half-mast, May 30.
Anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the national ensign of the United States, June 14.
Bunker Hill Day, June 17.
Independence Day, July 4.
Labor Day, first Monday in September.
Anniversary of the settlement of Boston, September 17.

Whenever any of the above-named days fall on Sunday, the flags shall be displayed on the following day.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF JANITORS AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Apr. 22, 1907, enclosing applications from Luke Kelley and John J. Norton for appointment as special police officers.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was directed to make the usual application for the appointment of the aforesaid janitors as special police officers.

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TEMPORARY AND SUBSTITUTE JANITOR SERVICE.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates for temporary and substitute janitor service at irregular intervals.

PRINCIPAL, DILLAWAY DISTRICT.

A petition was received from Edward E. Hale and five hundred and four others, for the appointment of Elizabeth M. Blackburn as principal of the Dillaway District.

Placed on file.

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SESSIONS, ABERDEEN SCHOOL.

A petition was received from William H. Potter and twenty-two other parents or guardians of children attending the primary school in the Aberdeen District, that the one session plan, which has been in force for a number of years in that school, be resumed.

Placed on file.

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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS.

The following communication was received:

Woman's Education Association.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston—

Gentlemen: In 1896, the Woman's Education Association, through its President, Secretary and Committee on Public Schools, presented a petition to the School Committee of the City of Boston representing,

"That in our opinion the time has come for the establishment of a course in Household Arts for girls.

"That public opinion will sustain the School Committee in following the example of nearly all other large cities in offering to girls some of the benefits of manual training which are so freely given to boys.

"That the development and improvement of home life tends directly toward the making of good citizens."

At that time it seemed feasible to establish a tentative course at the Mechanic Arts High School, but the pressure in other directions prevented.

An exhibit—the forerunner of several shown since—was set up in June, 1896, at the Mechanic Arts High School under the auspices of the Woman's Education Association to illustrate some of the work desired to be accomplished.

On January 11, 1897, the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, addressed a letter to Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, then President of the Association (see Woman's Education Association report for 1898) asking for the cooperation of the Association in outlining a course of study for "a proposed Industrial High School for Girls."

In response to this request, a flexible course was outlined by a sub-committee consisting of Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, Miss Amy M. Homans, Miss Mary L. Foster, and Miss Dora Williams. The purpose of the work outlined was stated as follows: "The underlying object of the courses is to help the pupil to such control over herself and her surroundings as will enable her to overcome fate instead of being conquered by it."

In the ten years since, Boston has not perceptibly advanced beyond the "under consideration" stage, as stated in Mr. Seaver's letter above quoted.

The State of Massachusetts has now taken up the matter, and the Report of the Commission on Industrial and Technical Education furnishes the strongest arguments for a training in "industrial intelligence, knowledge of materials, ideas of cost, ideas of organization, business sense, and a conscience which recognizes obligations." This training is considered to harmonize with "the original purpose of public education in Massachusetts (which was) to fit its youth, through the learning afforded by the schools, to be intelligent citizens."

At the meeting of the teaching section of the Lake Placid Conference held on December 31, 1906, at Pratt Institute, Professor Snedden, of Teachers' College, New York, and Dr. Balliet, Dean of the School of Pedagogy, emphasized the need of both educational and vocational courses in our high schools and the need of a variety of types of such courses, and Dr. Balliet further remarked that he believed there was danger in being too educational rather than in being too practical.

In view of the fact that the general trend of the best thought of the time has set more and more strongly in this direction, the Woman's Education Association respectfully petitions for the establishment of a High School of Applied Arts for Girls.

Flora Gray, President,
Amy Gordon Grant, Secretary,
Ellen H. Richards, Chairman of the Committee on Public Schools.

Laid on the table.

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DISMISSAL OF PUPIL, EDWARD EVERETT SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Thomas A. Elston, under date of Apr. 25, 1907, requesting that his daughter, a pupil in the Edward Everett Grammar School, be dismissed from school on Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 o'clock in order that she may complete her music course at the N. E. Conservatory of Music.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the application was disapproved, and the Secretary directed to notify the applicant accordingly.

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JANITORS' ASSOCIATION.

A communication was received from the Janitors' Association, under date of Apr. 29 1907, stating that it contemplates publishing a programme in connection with their annual outing to be held in July, which shall contain a list of the games and prizes, time of boats and cars, and any special features and additional matter as may be of interest, and that it is further proposed to allow the use of part of the programme for advertising, in order to meet the expense for printing, prizes, etc., and asking if the Board has any objection thereto.

Placed on file.

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EXAMINATION OF EYESIGHT OF PUPILS.

Communications were received from Dr. E. Robert McIntosh and from Mr. James A. Dixon, Jr., with regard to their making an examination of the eyesight of pupils in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the communications were placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to inform Dr. McIntosh that the precedents of the Board are against allowing such examinations to be made, and the Board deems it unwise to grant the desired permission in this case.

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NORTH END UNION, PROMOTION OF FLOWER RAISING.

A communication was received from Samuel F. Hubbard, Superintendent of the North End Union, under date of Apr. 22, 1907, with reference to the providing of accommodations in the basement of the Hancock School in connection with the distribution of loam, seeds and pots at a nominal price by said Union for promoting interest in flower raising.

Referred to the Schoolhouse Custodian for investigation and report.

USE OF GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

An application was received on behalf of the High School Assistants Association, for permission to occupy the reception room, assembly hall and one or two class rooms in the Girls' High School-house on May 17, 1907, between the hours of 3 and 7 P.M. for a meeting of said association.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the application was approved without charge on the part of the city.

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USE OF EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

An application was received from John F. Eliot, head-master of the East Boston High School, under date of Apr. 17, 1907, on behalf of his school for permission to give a dramatic entertainment in the East Boston High School-house on Apr. 25 and 26, 1907, for the purpose of raising a fund for the aid of graduates of the school who are in college or technical schools.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the application was approved without charge on the part of the city.

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PROJECTION OF BALCONY OVER WEST ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL LOT.

An application was received from Dr. Arthur L. Broughton, under date of Apr. 26, 1907, that the Board consent to the projection of a balcony from the side of the dwelling house adjoining the West Roxbury High School to overhang a part of the school estate for the benefit of an invalid.

Laid over to the next meeting, and the Schoolhouse Custodian instructed to make an investigation into the matter.

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LIGHTING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Chairman reported that pursuant to the action taken by the Board at its last meeting, he had appointed as a committee to report on the color schemes adopted for the treatment of woodwork, walls and ceilings in school buildings, and the means employed for providing artificial light in halls and class rooms both for day and evening use:

Dr. George S. Derby, Dr. Francis I. Proctor, Dr. Myles Standish, oculists; James E. Cole, Robert H. Hallowell, electricians.

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COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING FIRST THREE GRADES.

On motion of Mr. Storrow the report of the Commission appointed in June, 1906, to report on matters relating to the health of children attending the first three grades (School Document No. 2, 1907) was taken from the table, and certain recommendations contained therein were acted upon as follows:

I. Regarding the school buildings:

(1.) That efficient artificial lighting be installed in all school-rooms and toilets.

(2.) That until such efficient artificial lighting be installed, the masters be empowered to dismiss on dark afternoons those rooms where the light is so dim as to strain the eyes of the pupils.

(3.) That the windows be cleaned more frequently, especially during the winter months.

Referred to the committee of oculists and electricians appointed by the Chairman in

accordance with the vote of the Board at its meeting of Apr. 8.

(4.) That smooth pavement be laid on the streets adjoining school buildings to lessen the noise.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor with the endorsement of the School Committee, and the request that this recommendation be complied with as rapidly as possible.

II. Regarding the sessions and recesses:

(1.) That the present rule of two sessions be continued.

(2.) That the afternoon recess be lengthened and devoted to play.

III. Regarding the curriculum:

That games and manual training, so far as possible chosen by the pupils, be introduced in place of the present schedule during the last hour of the afternoon session.

Referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

The report and remaining recommendations were again laid on the table, pending further consideration.

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STATE CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES.

The Chairman presented a communication received from David F. Tilley, on behalf of the State Board of Charity, under date of Apr. 6, 1907, requesting that the School Committee designate one of its members or officials to represent it at the Fifth Massachusetts State Conference of Charities to be held at Lynn on Nov. 6, 7 and 8, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Brock, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and such recommendations as he may deem advisable.

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EXTENSION OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND EXERCISES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents be requested to formulate and report a plan for the development and administration of physical training and exercises, athletics, sports, games, and play in the buildings, yards and playgrounds under the control of the School Committee, or upon any other land which it may have the right to use for this purpose.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FLORENCE M. ROCHE.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the leave of absence of Florence M. Roche, assistant in the offices of the Board, is hereby extended until September 1, 1907, without pay.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:—

Sect. 139, paragraphs 8, 10 and 11. Strike out the paragraphs, and insert in place thereof the following:—

8. Elementary School, Class B: To assistants of elementary schools, and to first assistants and assistants of evening elementary schools.

10. Special: To teachers of special studies and in special schools. To special assistants in day high schools and to special assistants in evening high schools.

11. Limited: To teachers of industrial subjects in evening elementary schools and in educational centres.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:—

Sect. 141, paragraph 3. Insert the following immediately after the word "certificate" in the third line of said paragraph:—the high school special assistant certificate, the evening high school special assistant certificate, so that the paragraph shall read as follows:—

3. The high school head-master's certificate includes all the regular certificates. The high school certificate includes the high school special certificate, the high school special assistant certificate, the evening high school special assistant certificate, and certificates in special studies valid in high schools. The elementary school master's certificate includes the elementary school certificates, class A and B. The elementary school certificate, class A, includes the elementary school certificate, class B. None of these certificates include the kindergarten certificate, or limited or interpreters' certificates, or certificates for special instructors, except as stated.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:—

Sect. 144, paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9. Strike out the paragraphs and insert in place thereof the following:—

2. Certificates issued on examination after June 1, 1906, shall cease to be valid on the thirtieth day of June of the sixth year following the date of issue, except as hereinafter provided.

3. Certificates issued on examination prior to June 1, 1906, shall cease to be valid on the thirtieth day of June of the second year following the date of issue, except as hereinafter provided.

4. Certificates issued to graduates of the Boston Normal School prior to June 1, 1906, shall cease to be valid June 30, 1912, except as hereinafter provided.

5. Certificates issued to graduates of the Boston Normal School after June 1, 1906, shall cease to be valid on the thirtieth day of June of the sixth year following the date of issue, except as hereinafter provided.

6. Certificates issued on examination prior to June 1, 1906, and valid on that date by reason of renewal or of service in the Boston public schools, shall cease to be valid June 30, 1906, except that regular high school certificates held by teachers serving during the year ending June 30, 1906, in permanent positions in the elementary day schools of Boston, shall cease to be valid June 30, 1912, except as hereinafter provided.

7. All certificates under which appointments are made to permanent positions in the day school service, and certificates of a higher grade, but including the position in which the holder thereof is employed, shall remain valid during the term of such service, and until the thirtieth day of June of the second year following the termination of such service.

9. All certificates are non-renewable, but the board of superintendents may issue instead thereof substitute certificates which shall entitle the holder to serve as substitute or temporary teacher, as special assistant in elementary schools, and in evening and vacation schools, under such conditions and limitations as that board may determine.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 9:52 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

May 6, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

The Board proceeded to consider the communication from the Board of Superintendents received at the meeting of Mar. 19, 1907, recommending the establishment of a Girls' High School of Practical Arts (see p. 34). Assistant Superintendents Parker, Rafter and Ripley were severally heard in support of the proposition.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That a new school to be known as the Girls' High School of Practical Arts is hereby established by this Board, from and after the beginning of the next school year.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby requested to report in what school building the new Girls' High School of Practical Arts can be best accommodated.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents is hereby requested to prepare and submit to this Board a plan of organization and a course of study for the new Girls' High School of Practical Arts.

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Subsequently, a communication was received from George W. Anderson, under date of May 2, 1907, recommending the establishment of such a school.

Placed on file.

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APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPALS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the following appointments of principals as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting:

Girls' High School—Albert P. Walker, head-master, from Sept. 1, 1907.

The appointment of Emma S. Gulliver, master, from May 7, 1907.

The appointment of Albert P. Walker was approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

The appointment of Emma S. Gulliver, as aforesaid, was approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

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REFERENCE MAPS, HIGH, LATIN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The communications received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the last meeting (see p. 55), recommending the adoption of certain maps for reference use in the high, Latin and elementary schools, were taken up and placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That a Blackboard Outline Map of the Mediterranean Countries and a Blackboard Outline Map of Europe, published by the J. L. Hammett Company, be authorized for reference use in the high and Latin schools.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the following-named maps be authorized for reference use in high, Latin and elementary schools:

The Phillips's Comparative Series of Large Schoolroom Maps of The World, North America, South America, British Europe, Asia, Africa, published by Bros. & Wolkins.

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MODIFICATION OF COURSE OF STUDY, BOYS' ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the last meeting (see p. 55), recommending that the Superintendent be authorized to designate one or more boys' elementary schools in which the course of study may be experimentally modified for the purpose of determining in what way these schools may become more effective in training pupils for industrial pursuits, while at the same time maintaining their efficiency for preparation for high schools, was taken up, placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the recommendation contained therein was adopted.

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PREPARATION OF PAYROLLS, AND INVENTORY OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The communication received from the Business Agent, and laid over at the last meeting (see pp. 55, 56), recommending a change with regard to the preparation of payrolls, and the taking of an inventory of school property, was taken up for consideration.

In this connection a petition was received from the Janitors' Association, under date of May 4, 1907, that a committee of that Association be granted a hearing on the proposed change in the making up of payrolls before action is taken thereon by the Board.

Walter H. Bickford, Chairman of the committee, appeared, and was heard on the subject.

The communications were then laid on the table.

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PROJECTION OF BALCONY OVER WEST ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL LOT.

The application from Dr. Arthur L. Broughton that the Board consent to the projection of a balcony from the side of the

dwelling house adjoining the West Roxbury High School, which was received, and laid over at the last meeting, was taken up.

In the same connection a report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 6, 1907, to whom the matter had been referred for investigation.

The communications were placed on file.

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Mr. Ellis offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the Secretary be instructed to write to Dr. Broughton that if Mr. Powers requests permission for the benefit of an invalid to project a balcony from the westerly side of the dwelling house occupied by him, numbered 64 Elm street, Jamaica Plain, over a part of the West Roxbury High School estate, said balcony not to exceed three and one-half feet in width, ten feet in length, to be at least twelve feet from the ground, and in form, appearance and use subject to the approval of the head-master of the West Roxbury High School, said balcony to be removed whenever the School Committee shall so request, that this Board will not object to the erection of said balcony.

Lost, by a vote of 2 to 3.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of three orders amending sections 139, 141 and 144 of the rules relating to the issue and expiration of certificates of qualification, laid over at the last meeting (see p. 59).

The orders collectively passed.

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EXAMINATION OF EYESIGHT OF PUPILS.

A communication was received from James A. Dixon, Jr., under date of May 6, 1907, in further explanation of the former communications submitted by him and by Dr. E. Robert McIntosh with reference to examining the eyesight of pupils in the public schools.

Mr. Dixon appeared and was heard on the subject.

The communication was placed on file.

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SMOOTH PAVEMENT IN STREETS ADJOINING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Secretary of His Honor the Mayor, under date of May 3, 1907, acknowledging the receipt of notice of the action of the Board at its last meeting relative to smooth pavement being laid on streets adjoining school buildings to lessen the noise, and stating that the matter had been referred to the Superintendent of Streets for report.

Placed on file.

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SAND GARDEN IN YARD OF NORCROSS SCHOOL.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston, In Common Council.
April 25, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested to establish sand gardens for children in the yard of the Norcross School, South Boston.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, April 29, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Superintendent.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:

High School of Commerce—F. Edwin Walter, special assistant, Apr. 29, 1907.

Hancock District—Mary R. Thomas, first assistant, grammar school, Apr. 22, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Desire E. Nickels, assistant, Apr. 8, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointment and confirmation by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Bunker Hill District—Mary A. Fouhy, May 2, 1907, one-half day.

Approved.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Cookery—Anna E. Muldoon, teacher.

Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:

South Boston High School—Mary L. Green, assistant, Apr. 15 and 16, 1907, two days. Grace V. Lynch, assistant, Apr. 17, 1907, one day. Annie G. Merrill, special assistant instructor of commercial branches, Apr. 24, 1907, one day.

Bennett District—Owen D. Evans, submaster, Apr. 26, 1907, one day.

Brimmer District—Ellen G. Hayden, assistant, from Apr. 16 until May 13, 1907. Frances A. Putnam, assistant, Apr. 18, 1907, one day.

Christopher Gibson District—Florence A. Dunbar, assistant, from May 13 until July 1, 1907. Edith M. Sandsbury, assistant, from May 13 until July 1, 1907.

Franklin District—Elsie A. Burrage, assistant, kindergarten, from Apr. 29 until June 15, 1907.

Hyde District—Jane Reid, first assistant, grammar school, Apr. 29, 1907, one-half day.

Lewis District—Anna F. Bayley, Adelaide E. Burke, Catherine G. Foley, Rachel Rosnosky, Abigail A. Scannell, assistants, each one-half day on Apr. 16, 1907. Martha C. Gerry, assistant, Apr. 29 and 30, 1907, two days.

Mary Hemenway District—Florence G. Willis, assistant, from June 1 to July 1, 1907.

Norcross District—Mary M. Loughlin, assistant, kindergarten, Apr. 9, 1907, one day.

Prescott District—Grace A. Reed, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907, one day. Julia F. Sawyer, assistant, Apr. 29, 1907, one-half day.

Sherwin District—Elizabeth B. Walton, master's assistant, Apr. 29 and 30, 1907, one day and one-half day.

Thomas Gardner District—Eleanor L. Sullivan, assistant, Apr. 29 and 30, 1907, two days.

Warren District—Georgietta Sawyer, assistant, Apr. 8, 1907, one-half day.

Wells District—Alice Dunn, assistant, Apr. 9, 11, 16, 23 and 24, 1907, one-half day on each date, two days and one-half in all.

William E. Russell District—Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, Apr. 25 and 26, 1907, two days.

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A communication was received from the

Superintendent, under date of May 6, 1907, recommending that leave of absence without loss of pay be granted Florence G. Willis, assistant in the Mary Hemenway District, from May 6 to June 1, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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SPECIAL CLASS, WINTHROP DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of May 6, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he proposes to establish a special class in the Winthrop District, said class to be organized on Sept. 11, 1907, and to be located in the Denison House, 93 Tyler street, without expense to the city for rent, heating, lighting, or janitor's service.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of thirty-five minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of four to be licensed to black boots.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of one minor to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.

Approved.

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STATE CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, pursuant to the action of the Board at its meeting of Apr. 29, 1907, stating that he had given careful consideration to the request of Mr. David F. Tilley, on behalf of the State Board of Charity, that the School Committee appoint a representative to attend the State Conference of Charities to be held in Lynn, Mass., on Nov. 6, 7 and 8, 1907, and recommending that Assistant Superintendent Walter S. Parker be so appointed.

Placed on file, and the recommendation adopted.

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ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of May 6, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he has appointed Winifred K. Feeney as an assistant in his office, said appointment to date from May 1, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the salary of Winifred K. Feeney, an assistant in the office of the Superintendent, be fixed at the rate of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum, to date from May 1, 1907, and until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 3, 1907, recommending that the offer of the North Bennet-street Industrial School to provide industrial training for a limited number of girls from the Hancock District, be accepted, provided that said industrial training be free of expense to the city, and that it be given in such subjects and under such conditions as the Board of Superintendents may determine.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 3, 1907, recommending that the rules of the Board be amended as follows:—

Sect. 139. Strike out paragraphs 3 and 4, and insert in place thereof the following:

3. Normal School: To masters, junior-masters, instructors, first assistants, assistants, and assistant instructors in the normal school.

4. High School: To masters, junior-masters, instructors, first assistants, and assistants of day and evening high schools.

5. High School, Special: To assistant instructors of day and evening high schools.

Renumber old paragraph 5 as 6, and the remaining paragraphs to follow consecutively.

Sect. 140. Insert the following immediately after paragraph 2:

3. For the Normal School Certificate: A diploma from a college or university approved by the Board of Superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of five years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded schools.

Renumber old paragraph 3 as 4, and the remaining paragraphs to follow consecutively.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TEMPORARY AND SUBSTITUTE JANITOR SERVICE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of May 6, 1907, reporting that in pursuance of the action taken by the Board at its last meeting, he had made requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification o candidates for temporary and substitute janitor service at irregular intervals, and was in receipt of a communication from that Commission stating that there are no persons upon the eligible list willing to accept such employment, and authorizing the making of a provisional appointment.

Placed on file.

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NORTH END UNION, PROMOTION OF FLOWER RAISING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 6, 1907, to whom was referred at the last meeting a communication from Samuel F. Hubbard, Superintendent of the North End Union, with reference to the providing of accommodations in the basement of the Hancock School in connection with the distribution of loam, seeds, and pots at a nominal price by said Union for promoting interest in flower raising, stating that there is space in the basement which can be used for the purpose, but that it is desired that the School Committee also procure the loam, provide space for it, and dispose of it to pupils.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Hubbard that the Board does not deem it expedient to undertake such an arrangement.

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JANITORSHIP, RUTLAND-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May

6, 1907, stating that the only applicant for transfer to the vacant janitorship of the Rutland-street School-house is Edward L. Menz, recently appointed to the Common-street School-house, and recommending that he be transferred to fill said vacancy, to date from May 13, 1907.

Placed on file, and the transfer approved from the date stated.

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JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the names of candidates eligible for appointment to the janitorship of the Common-street School-house.

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JANITORSHIP, ADAMS-STREET AND PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 4, 1907, reporting that he had suspended the janitor of the Adams-street School-house and adjacent portable building, for cause, for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 1, 1907.

Placed on file, the action of the Custodian approved, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the aforesaid janitor was placed on probation until Jan. 1, 1908.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 1, 1907, reporting that to fill the temporary vacancy in the janitorship of the Adams-street and Portable School-houses, caused by the suspension of the regular janitor, he had appointed John H. Dacey, for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO LULU MOORE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 4, 1907, recommending the payment to Lulu Moore of the sum of $5 for washing the windows of the Cook School-house.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Lulu Moore the sum of five dollars ($5) for washing the windows of the Cook School-house.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills for the month of May, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Brock.

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SOUTH END VACATION SCHOOL, 1907.

An application was received from Miss A. Isabel Winslow, under date of May 3, 1907, on behalf of the South End Vacation School, for permission to occupy the rooms and yard of the Wait School-house from July 8 until Aug. 12, 1907, for vacation school purposes.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the application was approved, subject to the usual conditions.

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ANNUAL PARADE, BOSTON SCHOOL CADETS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Instructor of Military Drill is hereby authorized to select and engage two bands of twenty-five men each and two bands of thirty-three men each, for the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets, on Friday, May 31, 1907.

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USE OF FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Elisha W. Morse, President of the Parents' Association of the Francis Parkman School, under date of May 6, 1907, requesting permission to occupy that building for meetings of the Association, and requesting that gas fixtures be installed in the main hall and kindergarten room of said building; also stating that the Association favors the establishment of a separate district for this school before the close of the current school year.

The communication was placed on file, the application contained therein for permission to occupy the Francis Parkman School-house for meetings of the Parents' Association approved, and on motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to install gas fixtures in the main hall and the kindergarten room of the Francis Parkman Schoolhouse.

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RETENTION OF MARY D. DAY ON ROLL OF TEACHERS.

A communication was received from J. Willard Brown, Principal, and other teachers of the Emerson School, under date of April 17, 1907, asking if some steps cannot be taken whereby the name of Mary D. Day, who has been granted leave of absence on half-pay until Sept. 12, 1907, and whose resignation has been accepted to take effect on said date, may remain on the roll of teachers in order that she may avail herself of the benefits of any pension system which may be adopted during the coming year.

Placed on file.

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EMPLOYMENT OF ACTUARY TO ASSIST IN FORMULATING A PENSION PLAN.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the expenditure of a sum under the direction of the Chairman not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars ($250) is hereby authorized for the services of an actuary to assist the committee of school principals who are engaged in formulating for submission to this Board a pension plan for the benefit of teachers in the public schools.

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NURSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents be requested to formulate and report to this Board a plan for the appointment and assignment of nurses in the public schools, and to define the duties which they shall be required to perform.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:05 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

May 20, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of various orders amending sections 291 and 292 of the regulations, relating to the rank and number of teachers in high and elementary schools, laid over at the meeting of Apr. 29, and the Board acted thereon as follows:—

Order amending section 291, paragraphs 4 and 5, as printed in the minutes of Apr. 8, page 44.

The order passed.

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Order amending section 291, paragraphs 6 and 7, as printed in the minutes of Apr. 8, page 45.

The order passed.

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Order amending section 292, paragraph 4, as printed in the minutes of Apr. 8, page 45.

Laid over.

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

The Chairman announced for consideration the communication from the Board of Superintendents received at the last meeting, relating to industrial training for a limited number of girls from the Hancock District in the North Bennet-street Industrial School (see p. 63).

The communication was placed on file.

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Mr. Brock offered the following:

ORDERED, That the offer of the North Bennet-street Industrial School to provide industrial training for a limited number of girls from the Hancock District, be accepted, provided that said industrial training be free of expense to the city, and that it be given in such subjects, under such conditions, and subject to such oversight, regulations and control as the Board of Superintendents may determine.

The order passed by a vote of 3 to 2, Messrs. Thomas J. Kenny and William S. Kenny voting in the negative.

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SAND GARDENS IN SCHOOL YARDS OF WARD 12.

The following communication was read:

City of Boston, In Common Council,
May 2, 1907.

ORDERED: That the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Ward 12 sand gardens for children.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, May 6, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent.

USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES FOR ELECTION PURPOSES.

A communication was received from the Board of Election Commissioners, under date of May 20, 1907, requesting permission to use rooms in the following-named school buildings on Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Nov. 14 and Dec. 10, 1907, for caucuses and elections:

Bunker Hill Grammar School-house,
Harvard Grammar School-house,
63 Warrenton-street,
Bowdoin School-house,
Prince School-house,
West Concord-street School-house;

the communication stating that similar applications in past years have been granted for three of the buildings named, and that accommodations in the other three buildings are made necessary on account of increase of voting precincts in Ward 20; also that such use of the accommodations named would necessitate the dismissal of but one class, viz.: the kindergarten class in the West Concord-street School-house.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the application of the Board of Election Commissioners to occupy rooms in the following-named school buildings on Sept. 24, Nov. 5, Nov. 14, and Dec. 10, 1907, for caucuses and elections, with the understanding that such use will not necessitate the dismissal of any class, is hereby approved by this Board:

Bunker Hill Grammar School-house,
Harvard Grammar School-house,
63 Warrenton-street,
Bowdoin School-house,
Prince School-house.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GRADUATING EXERCISES, MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of May 15, 1907, in response to the order passed by the Board at its meeting of Apr. 29, 1907, stating that Jordan Hall has been engaged for the graduating exercises of the Mechanic Arts High School on Saturday, June 22, 1907.

Placed on file.

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DEATHS.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teachers, which occurred on the date set opposite each name:

Hancock District—Annie G. Hughes, assistant, May 11, 1907.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Edith H. Wood, assistant, May 19, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:

Normal School—Albert P. Walker, master, Sept. 1, 1907.

Hyde District—Emma S. Gulliver, master's assistant, May 7, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Henry L. Pierce District—Florence C. Ritchie, from May 6 to May 9, 1907, inclusive, four days.
Hugh O'Brien District—Dorothy Hill, kindergarten, Sept. 21, 1906, one day.
Phillips Brooks District—Florence R. Le Blanc, from May 10, 1907.
Quincy District—Veronica E. Doyle, from Apr. 29 to May 17, 1907, inclusive.
Approved.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

English High School—Edwin F. A. Benson, junior-master.
Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Charlestown High School—Arthur J. Fotch, special assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the High School of Commerce, from May 20, 1907.
Quincy District—Ellen J. Brosnahan, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Hyde District, from May 7, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Gaston District—(Tuckerman Kindergarten), Barbara K. Sullivan, from Apr. 8, 1907.
George Putnam District—(Ellis Mendell Kindergarten), Bertha Wilfert, from Apr. 11, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Normal School—Katharine H. Shute, assistant, from Apr. 16 until July 1, 1907.
Brighton High School—Helen M. Hanscom, special assistant instructor of commercial branches, from May 15 until June 7, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Helen A. Bragg, assistant, from May 14 until July 1, 1907.
Blackinton District—Ruth Perry, first assistant, kindergarten, from May 6 until June 1, 1907.
Bowditch District—Anna E. Marble, first assistant, kindergarten, Apr. 29 and 30, 1907, two days.
Brimmer District—Mary A. Carney, assistant, from May 6 until May 10, 1907, inclusive, five days. Grace W. Mitchell, assistant, May 1, 1907, one day.
Bunker Hill District—Mary E. Minter, assistant, from June 1 until July 1, 1907.
Comins District—Margaret S. Lunt, assistant, Apr. 9 and 10, 1907, two days. Ellen M. Pinkham, first assistant, kindergarten, Apr. 24, 1907, one day.
Dwight District—Georgie M. Clarke, assistant, from Apr. 11 until May 9, 1907. Mabel E. Latta, assistant, Apr. 11 and 12, 1907, two days.
Edward Everett District—Mary F. Thompson, master's assistant, from Apr. 15 until May 10, 1907.
Eliot District—Mary L. Sullivan, assistant, from Apr. 18 until July 1, 1907.
Everett District—Minna L. Wentworth, assistant, from June 8 until July 1, 1907.
George Putnam District—Louisa Prescott, assistant, Apr. 29 until May 3, 1907, inclusive, five days.
Horace Mann School—Ella C. Jordan, assistant principal, from May 13 until June 10, 1907. Mary H. Thompson, assistant, Apr. 10, 1907, one day.
Jefferson District—Elinor W. Leavitt, master's assistant, May 3, 1907, one day. Mary M. Phelan, assistant, Apr. 22, 1907, one-half day.
Lewis District—Martha C. Gerry, assistant, May 1, 2 and 3, 1907, three days.
Longfellow District—Adalyn P. Henderson, assistant, from May 1 until July 1, 1907.
Lyman District—Annie M. Wilcox, first assistant, primary school, Apr. 8, 1907, one-half day. Margaret A. Cronin, assistant, Apr. 9, 1907, one-half day.
Martin District—William W. Howe, submaster, May 13, 1907, one day.
Mather District—Ella J. Costello, assistant, from May 7 until July 1, 1907.
Minot District—Annie E. Harris, assistant, May 6, 8 and 9, 1907, three days.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Agnes T. Kelly, assistant, Apr. 16, 1907, one-half day. Mary A. McNaught, assistant, Apr. 26, 1907, one-half day.
Phillips District—Nellie M. Whitney, master's assistant, May 9, 1907, one day.
Quincy District—Harriet M. Bolman, assistant, May 8, 1907, one-half day.
Rice District—Sarah E. Bowers, assistant, Apr 25, 1907, one-half day. Elinor Maher, assistant, Apr. 16, 1907, one-half day. Alice M. May, assistant, Apr. 15 and 16, 1907, two days, and from May 1 until July 1, 1907.
Sherwin District—Caroline E. Josselyn, first assistant, kindergarten, from May 24 until July 1, 1907.
Thomas Gardner District—Ruby A. Johnson, assistant, May 9, 1907, one-half day. Eleanor L. Sullivan, assistant, from May 1 until May 4, 1907, three days.
Thomas N. Hart District—Mary E. Farrell, assistant, Apr. 30, 1907, one day. Fanny G. Patten, assistant, Apr. 23, 1907, one-half day, and Apr. 26, 1907, one-half day.
Warren District—Mary M. Crane, assistant, May 1, 1907, one-half day.
Washington District—Joseph B. Egan, sub-master, May 8, 1907, one day.
Washington Allston District—Helen L. Duncklee, first assistant, kindergarten, from May 6 until July 1, 1907.
Wells District—Florence K. Alexander, assistant, May 13, 1907, one day.
William E. Russell District—Sarah E. McMahan, assistant, from May 20 until July 1, 1907; Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, Apr. 23, 1907, one-half day, and Apr. 25 and 26, 1907, two days.
Manual Training—Joseph F. Carter, assistant instructor, Apr. 26, 1907, one day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study or travel, as specified, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Dwight District—Sara Mock, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for study and travel.
John A. Andrew District—Alice E. Dacy, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for study.
Washington District—Leanora E. Taft, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for study.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified, on half-pay, and their resignations were accepted to take effect on Sept. 1, 1908:
Girls' High School—Adeline L. Sylvester, assistant principal, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.
Sewing—Susan M. Cousens, teacher, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-

named teacher on half-pay from Sept. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908, and without pay from Jan. 1, to Sept. 1, 1908, and her resignation accepted to take effect on the latter date:

Lowell District—Eliza C. Fisher, master's assistant.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence without pay was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:

Franklin District—Ruth C. Higbee, assistant, from May 12 until Sept. 11, 1907.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of fifty-five minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of seven to be licensed to black boots, and of four to be licensed to act as pedlers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the licenses of two minors to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said licenses were granted.

Approved.

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DUPLICATION OF COURSES, LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of May 20, 1907, in response to the order passed by the Board on May 21, 1906, that the Superintendent be requested to consider and report on the feasibility of a better definition of the work of the Latin and high schools in order that unnecessary duplication of courses may be avoided, stating that it is highly desirable that the suburban high schools prepare pupils for admission to college, but that this preparation should not be allowed to interfere with the work of the schools for non-college preparatory pupils; also that one difficulty is that the presence of college preparatory classes causes an excess of small sections in the fourth year. This, in turn, increases unduly the numbers in the sections of the first year subjects.

For these conditions two remedies have been suggested: first, that separate college preparatory sections be discontinued, and, second, that some restriction be placed upon the organization of small classes in the first year of continuous subjects, such as the foreign languages.

Conferences of the principals of high schools have been held with reference to the first of these suggestions, and in the making of programs for next year care will be taken to avoid separate college sections wherever this can be done without detriment to the work of the school.

The second suggestion concerns the course of study, and it was therefore referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration. That Board has recommended that the course of study be amended so as to prevent the beginning of first year classes in a foreign language with a small number of pupils.

Placed on file.

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SAND GARDEN IN YARD OF NORCROSS SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of May 20, 1907, in response to the request of the City Council, received at the last meeting, that a sand garden for children be established in the yard of the Norcross School, South Boston, stating that the yard of this school is one of those in which it is proposed to maintain sand gardens for children during the coming summer.

Placed on file, and a copy ordered to be sent to the City Council.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 297, paragraph 4. Add the following: The provisions of this paragraph shall not operate to prevent the reappointment to positions of equal rank in subsequent years of persons employed in vacation schools during and before the year 1906.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

The Superintendent offered the following orders, which were collectively laid over to the next meeting:

ORDERED, That the powers and duties of the officers of the Board with reference to the management of the schools shall include the management of playgrounds.

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ORDERED, That school yard playgrounds open during the summer of 1907 shall be in charge of the director of evening and vacation schools.

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ORDERED, That the yards and basements of the following schools be opened for playground purposes during the summer of 1907 for a period of nine weeks, from July 8 to Sept. 7, inclusive:

Benjamin Dean,	South Boston
Bigelow,	South Boston
Brimmer,	South End
Clinch,	South Boston
Comins,	Roxbury
Cook,	South End
Cudworth,	East Boston
Cyrus Alger,	South Boston
Dwight,	South End
Emerson,	East Boston
Everett,	South End
Franklin,	South End
Frothingham,	Charlestown
Hancock,	North End
Harbor View street,	Dorchester
Hugh O'Brien,	Roxbury
James Otis,	East Boston
Lincoln,	South Boston
Lyman,	East Boston
Phillips,	West End
Polk street,	Charlestown
Prescott,	Charlestown
Pormort,	North End
Quincy,	South End
Shurtleff,	South Boston
Skinner,	South End
Thomas N. Hart,	South Boston
Washington,	West End
William E. Russell,	Dorchester
Washington Allston,	Brighton
William Wirt Warren,	Brighton

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ORDERED, That teachers in playgrounds shall consist of supervisors of playgrounds, heads of playgrounds, assistants in playgrounds, and assistants in sand gardens.

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ORDERED, That the regulations for vacation schools shall be applied to the conduct of playgrounds during the term of 1907 as far as they are applicable, except as otherwise ordered.

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ORDERED, That the compensation and certificate requirements for teachers and

employees in playgrounds for the season of 1907 shall be as follows:

Supervisors of playgrounds: Salary—Men, $4 morning session, $2 afternoon session. Certificate requirements—Elementary school, Class B, or High School physical training.

Heads of playgrounds: Salary—Men, $2 one session, $3 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary school, Class B, or High School physical training.

Heads of playgrounds: Salary—Women, $1.20 one session, $2 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary Class B, or higher, or kindergarten or special certificates, or attendance in Boston Normal School, or previous service in vacation schools.

Assistants of playgrounds: Salary—$.80 one session, $1.25 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary Class B, or higher, or kindergarten or special certificates, or attendance in Boston Normal School, or previous service in vacation schools.

Assistants in sand gardens: Salary—$.50 one session, $.75 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary Class B, or higher, or kindergarten or special certificates, or attendance in Boston Normal School, or previous service in vacation schools.

Janitors: Salary—$1.00 morning session, $1.00 afternoon session.

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ORDERED, That the sessions and days of each playground during the season of 1907 may be established, altered, or discontinued by the Superintendent of Schools, provided, that the hours of duty for teachers and janitors shall be as follows:

Teachers:—Three hours a day in playgrounds having one session, and five hours a day in playgrounds having two sessions, at such times between 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. as the Superintendent may direct.

Janitors:—Four hours a day in playgrounds having one session, and eight hours a day in playgrounds having two sessions, at such times between 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. as the Superintendent may direct.

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ORDERED, That the Superintendent of Schools may suspend the sessions of the vacation schools and playgrounds during any of the days in Old Home Week.

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ORDERED, That principals of vacation schools shall perform the duties of supervisors of playgrounds, during the morning session of playgrounds assigned to them, without extra compensation other than that received by them as principals of vacation schools; and that janitors shall similarly discharge the duties of janitors of playgrounds.

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ORDERED, That the Superintendent shall have authority to make such emergency appointments of teachers as may be necessary for service in vacation schools and playgrounds during the season of 1907.

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ORDERED, That the director of evening and vacation schools be paid three hundred dollars ($300) in addition to his regular salary for services in connection with playgrounds during the season of 1907.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN YARD OF ADAMS AND CHESTNUT-STREETS SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to make the following improvements in the school yard at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown: To build a retaining wall on two sides from the sidewalk to the grade of the yard and to grade the yard; to enclose the yard on the open sides with an iron fence covered with wire netting, and to raise the height of the wooden fence on one side of the yard to a height of fifteen feet, by the addition of wire netting.

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AMENDMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 10, 1907, recommending that the course of study for high schools be amended to read as follows:

Page 12. Elective Studies.

History H. Mediaeval and early modern history to A.D. 1700, or American history for pupils preparing for technical schools.

Page 10. Add the following paragraph:

No class in the first year of a foreign language shall be organized with less than twenty (20) pupils.

Laid over.

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COURSE OF STUDY, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 17, 1907, recommending the adoption of an accompanying course of study for the Girls' High School of Practical Arts.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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INSTRUCTION IN CLAY MODELING, BOYS' SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 17, 1907, recommending that instruction in clay modeling now being experimentally tried, be transferred from mixed schools to certain boys' schools to be designated by the Superintendent.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the foregoing recommendation was adopted.

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LANTERN SLIDES, STEREOGRAPHS, ETC., TO BE PURCHASED FROM FUND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 17, 1907, recommending that lantern slides, stereographs, stereoscopes, and other supplementary material approved by the Board of Superintendents, be purchased from the fund set aside for supplementary reading.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the foregoing recommendation was adopted.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS: PHYSICAL TRAINING, ATHLETICS, AND SCHOOL NURSING.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 17, 1907, recommending that the rules and regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 105. Strike out the section, and substitute in place thereof the following:

Sect. 105. He shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint, reappoint, and remove all directors, principals, teachers, nurses, and employees in playgrounds.

Sect. 137. Insert after the word "teachers" in the third line the words:—interpreters, and nurses.

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Sect. 139. Add the following paragraph at end of section:
13. Nurses: To supervising and district nurses.

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Sect. 140. Add the following paragraph:
13. For Nurses' Certificates: Graduation from a hospital or similar institution giving a course of instruction at least two years in length.
Renumber former paragraph 13 as 14.

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Sect. 270. Insert the following paragraph:
2. Appointments of special assistants in elementary schools and of playground employees shall expire on the thirtieth day of June in each year.
Renumber old paragraph 2 as 3; and old paragraph 3 as 4.

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Add the following section:
Sect. 284. The provisions of this chapter with respect to the appointment, reappointment, assignment, transfer, removal, tenure of office, and marriage of teachers shall be applicable to nurses.

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Sect. 301. Strike out the section.

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Sect. 302. Renumber as 301.

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Sect. 303. Renumber as 302.

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Sect. 304. Strike out the section.

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Insert the following section:
Sect. 303. 1. There shall be a director of physical training and athletics, three assistant directors, and as many instructors of athletics, assistant instructors of athletics, heads of playgrounds and assistants in playgrounds as the Board may from time to time authorize.
2. There shall be a supervising nurse and such district nurses as the Board may from time to time authorize.
3. There shall be an instructor of military drill and an armorer.

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Sect. 305. Renumber as 304.

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Sect. 306. Renumber as 305.

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Sect. 307. Renumber as 306.

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Sect. 308. Renumber as 307.

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Add the following section:
Sect. 323. No nurse shall be granted leave of absence except for the following reasons:
(1) Personal illness. (2) Critical illness or death in the immediate family of the nurse. (3) To attend the funeral of a teacher or school officer in the employ of the city. (4) To serve in teachers' institutes held under the direction of state boards of education, or to take part in teachers' associations. (5) To visit other schools. (6) By order of the Board on the recommendation of the superintendent.

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Add the following section to Chapter XIV:
Sect. 324. 1. The superintendent may, in his discretion, grant leave of absence to the supervising nurse for a period not exceeding one week, and to a district nurse for a period not exceeding three weeks, because of personal illness. If longer leave is required, the applicant must file with the superintendent a satisfactory certificate from a physician that such leave is necessary.
2. The superintendent may, in his discretion, grant leave of absence to any nurse (1) for not more than five days because of critical illness or death in the immediate family of such nurse; (2) for not more than one day to attend the funeral of a teacher or school officer in the employ of the city. He shall report to the Board for action such other applications for leave of absence as he may approve.

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Sect. 326. Add the following paragraph thereto:
2. The compensation of nurses permanently appointed shall be established at a minimum rate with an annual increase for each succeeding year of service until a fixed maximum shall be reached.

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Sect. 327. Add the following paragraph thereto:
2. The compensation of temporary and substitute nurses shall be established at a per diem rate for actual service; one session days to be reckoned as full days.

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Sect. 329. Strike out the section and substitute the following:
Sect. 329. The compensation of principals and teachers in vacation schools, and of playground employees shall be established at a per diem rate for actual service.

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Sect. 334. Add the following paragraph thereto:
3. The compensation of nurses absent from duty shall be subject to the same rate of deduction as in the case of teachers absent under similar circumstances.

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Sect. 412. Strike out the section. Renumber sections 413 to 417 respectively one number lower.

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Add the following section:
Sect. 417. 1. The director of physical training and athletics shall have general supervision and control of the instruction in physical training given in the public schools; of athletics, sports, games and play engaged in by pupils, or conducted in buildings, yards and playgrounds under the control of the Board, or upon other lands which it may have the right to use for such purposes; of the school nursing service; of military drill; and of all matters affecting the physical welfare of pupils and teachers and embraced in the term school hygiene.
2. He shall be charged with the enforcement of such rules for the management and control of school athletics as the superintendent, with the approval of the board of superintendents, may from time to time establish.
3. He shall report to the superintendent violations of the rules and regulations or orders of the Board, any acts or practices in the schools which he deems prejudicial to the physical welfare of the pupils or teachers, and shall make such other reports as the superintendent may require.
4. He shall determine, subject to the approval of the superintendent, the hours of service to be rendered on school days and on Saturdays and holidays by his assistants, including employees in playgrounds.
5. He shall be entitled to four weeks' vacation during each calendar year to be taken at such time or times as the superintendent may appoint.

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Add the following section:
Sect. 418. 1. The assistant directors of physical training and athletics and the instructors in athletics shall perform such

duties as may be assigned them by the director of physical training and athletics.

2. They shall be entitled to four weeks' vacation in each calendar year, to be taken at such time or times as the superintendent may appoint.

3. Heads of playgrounds, assistants and other employees in playgrounds shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the director of physical training and athletics.

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Add the following sections:

Sect. 419. 1. The supervising nurse shall, under the direction of the director of physical training and athletics, have general supervision of the district nurses, be responsible for the efficiency and character of the service performed by each nurse, and perform such additional duties as the director of physical training and athletics may direct.

2. She shall determine, subject to the approval of the director of physical training and athletics, the hours of service to be rendered on school days and on Saturdays and during vacations by the district nurses.

3. She shall inspect and regulate the work of the district nurses, instruct them in their duties, and see that the time spent in each district by the nurse assigned thereto is regularly recorded.

4. She shall make requisition for the necessary supplies for each nurse.

5. She shall make such reports as may be required by the superintendent.

6. She shall be entitled to four weeks' vacation during each calendar year, to be taken at such time or times as the superintendent may appoint.

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Sect. 420. 1. It shall be the special duty of the district nurses to assist the medical inspectors assigned to the public schools, to see that the directions given by the inspectors are carried out, and to give such instruction to the pupils as will promote their physical welfare.

2. They shall receive from the supervising nurse the following information:

(a) The schools in which they are to perform their duty.

(b) The hours for visiting each school.

(c) To whom they shall report in each school.

3. They shall be provided with a place in which to work by the principal or teacher in charge of the school or district.

4. They shall report in person to the principal or teacher in charge immediately upon their arrival each day.

5. They shall arrange with the medical inspector assigned to the school or district a method of daily reports of cases to be visited and treated.

6. They shall keep a record of the time of arrival at and departure from each school.

7. They shall keep a record in such form as the superintendent may determine of the name, age, address, disease, and treatment of each pupil examined in school. Also a separate record of all excluded pupils and pupils to be visited.

8. They shall obtain daily a list of all excluded pupils.

9. They shall visit excluded pupils at their homes; provided, that such visits shall not be made in cases of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough or mumps, and shall keep a record of all visits made by them, and the outcome of each case.

10. Revisits shall be made from time to time, if necessary.

11. They shall make personal visits to homes to give necessary instructions or suggestions, and may demonstrate the treatment of pediculosis. In the case of diseases that cannot properly be treated at the home by the nurse or parents, the services of a physician, or treatment at a dispensary, should be urged.

12. Cases of trachoma shall not be treated by the nurses. All such cases should be excluded from school, and the pupil returned only on the certificate of the medical inspector, stating that all danger of conveying such disease by such pupil has passed.

13. If from some unforeseen cause a district nurse is unable to attend to her duty, she shall notify the supervising nurse or the superintendent at once by telephone, telegram or special messenger. This notification shall be followed within five hours by a written application for leave of absence. Before returning to duty after leave of absence exceeding one day for any cause, a district nurse shall report in person to the supervising nurse, and shall furnish a certificate from her attending physician, if one has been employed by her during her absence, if the supervising nurse shall so require.

14. Each district nurse shall be entitled to four weeks' vacation during each calendar year, to be taken at such time or times as the supervising nurse, with the approval of the superintendent, may appoint.

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Add the following section:

Sect. 421. 1. The instructor of military drill shall, under the direction of the director of physical training and athletics, have charge of the instruction in military drill to pupils in high schools.

2. The armorer shall, under the direction of the instructor of military drill, have general charge of the military equipment provided for the several high schools.

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Chapter XXIII.

Renumber Sect. 420 as 425, and the remaining sections of the same chapter to follow consecutively.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TEMPORARY ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of May 20, 1907, submitting for approval the appointment of Florence H. Cogswell as temporary assistant in his office, to date from May 20, 1907, at a salary of fifty dollars ($50) per month, to fill the position of another assistant now on leave of absence without pay.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock the appointment was approved from the date and at the salary stated in the foregoing communication.

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JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of May 20, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of May 6, 1907, reporting that the following-named persons have been certified by the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house: Edward Sullivan, Jr., John J. Murphy and Francis L. Butler.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 15, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, he had appointed William A. Kinsley for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 13, 1907.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 20, 1907, stating that he had interviewed the three candidates certified by the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, and recommending that Edward Sullivan, Jr., be appointed thereto, to date from May 22, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Edward Sullivan, Jr., the candidate at the head of the list, was approved, to date from May 22, 1907.

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JANITORSHIP, RUTLAND-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 7, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Rutland-street School-house, he had reappointed Susan Drake for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 5, 1907.

Approved.

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PAYMENT TO SUSAN DRAKE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 13, 1907, recommending that there be paid to Susan Drake the sum of $28.19, for services rendered by her as acting janitor of the Rutland-street School-house, from Apr. 25 to May 12, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Susan Drake the sum of twenty-eight and 19-100 dollars ($28.19) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Rutland-street Schoolhouse from Apr. 25 to May 12, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN H. DACEY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 13, 1907, recommending that there be paid to John H. Dacey the sum of $13 for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Adams-street and Portable School-houses from May 1 to 10, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to John H. Dacey the sum of thirteen dollars ($13) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Adams-street and Portable Schoolhouses, from May 1 to 10, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, MARSHALL SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 13, 1907, enclosing the resignation of A. Benson Rowe as janitor of the Marshall School-house, to take effect May 11, 1907.

Placed on file, and the resignation accepted.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 15, 1907, reporting that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Marshall Schoolhouse, he had transferred Patrick F. Powers, janitor of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, for a period of ten days or less, the transfer to date from May 13, 1907.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 18, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Marshall School-house.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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JANITORSHIP, BREWSTER, BREWSTER ANNEX AND PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 15, 1907, reporting that to fill the vacancy existing in the janitorship of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable Schoolhouses, caused by the temporary transfer of the janitor, he had appointed John Powers for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 13, 1907.

Placed on file.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 20, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from Apr. 30 to May 20, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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SALARY OF ALICE T. KELLEY.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the salary due Alice T. Kelley, late assistant in the Hyde District, be paid to her brother, Edward T. Kelley.

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AMENDMENT TO RULES.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:

Sect. 9. Strike out the section and substitute in place thereof the following:

Sect. 9. 1. The votes of a majority of the whole number of the members of the Board shall be necessary to elect any officer, or trustee of the teachers' retirement fund, and to approve the appointment of a principal, director, teacher, janitor, or other employee; provided, however, that for the approval of the appointment of special teachers of gymnastics, calisthenics, or military drill, a two-thirds vote of the Board shall be necessary.

2. The approval of appointments of directors, principals, medical inspector of special classes, instructor of military drill, supervisor of substitutes, and supervisor of household science and arts, shall be by a viva voce vote, each member who is present answering yes or no when his name is called by the secretary, or stating that he declines to vote. The secretary shall record every such vote.

3. Appointments or removals of directors, principals and other teachers, to or from permanent positions, shall be laid over for two weeks before final action by the Board.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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RATIONS FOR ANNUAL PARADE, BOSTON SCHOOL CADETS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That J. A. Hendrie Bros. & Co. be employed to furnish the requisite number of rations for the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets, to be held on Friday, May 31, 1907, at a cost of eighteen cents ($0.18) per ration.

PETITION OF ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL.

The Chairman announced that he had received an application from a pupil in the English High School, requesting a hearing with reference to his being allowed to hold a commission in the School Cadets notwithstanding his deficiency in academic subjects.
Placed on file.

GIFT TO BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Mary E. Camfill, Secretary, Bowditch Alumnae Association, under date of May 11, 1907, stating that said association had voted to present a program clock to the Bowditch School, provided the city would furnish the necessary wiring therefor.
Placed on file.
Mr. Thomas J. Kenny moved that the proposed gift be accepted, and the thanks of the Board extended to said association therefor; and that the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to arrange for the necessary wiring in connection with the installation of the clock.
Passed.

HEBREW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, VACATION KINDERGARTEN, 1907.

An application was received from Zippora Spitz, on behalf of the Hebrew Industrial School, under date of May 15, 1907, for permission to occupy room 8, and to use the kindergarten material therein, in the Washington School-house, from July 8 to Aug. 16, 1907, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 12 M., for the purpose of holding a vacation kindergarten for poor children.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis the application was approved subject to the usual conditions.

DISCONTINUANCE OF SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

A communication was received from Lincoln Owen, Secretary of the Boston Masters' Association, under date of May 10, 1907, stating that at a meeting of that association held on Apr. 23, 1907, it was voted that it is the sense of the principals of the elementary schools that the school festival be discontinued.
Placed on file.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS MEN, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

A communication was received from Frank V. Thompson, Acting Secretary of the Advisory Committee of Business Men for the High School of Commerce, under date of May 10, 1907, transmitting certain recommendations relating to that school, adopted by the committee at a meeting held on May 8, 1907.
Placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock P.M.
Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

UNION LABEL COUNCIL 21

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

May 27, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the records of the meeting of May 6 were amended by striking out the following words in the seventh and eighth lines on page 61 under the heading "Appointment of Principals": "The appointment of Emma S. Gulliver, master, from May 7, 1907," and inserting in place thereof the following: Dillaway District—Emma S. Gulliver, master, from May 7, 1907.

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On motion of the same member the reading of the records of the meetings of May 6 and 20 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

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JANITORSHIP, MARSHALL SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The communication received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 18, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Marshall School-house, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board approved the transfer to said vacancy of Frank M. Murphy, janitor of the Thetford-street, Bailey-street and two Portable School-houses, to date from June 1, 1907, the two applicants standing at the head of the list being passed over without prejudice in order that the Thetford-street and Bailey-street School-houses, in both of which steam heating apparatus is installed, and which are located at some distance apart, shall no longer remain under the charge of a single janitor.

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SAND GARDENS IN SCHOOL YARDS OF WARD 21.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, In Common Council,
May 23, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Ward 21 sand gardens for children.

In Common Council, May 23, 1907.
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.
William J. Barrett,
President.

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass., May 25, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent.

IMPROVEMENTS IN YARD OF ADAMS AND CHESTNUT-STREETS SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of May 24, 1907, in response to the action of the Board at the meeting of May 20, 1907, requesting that certain improvements be made in the yard of the Adams and Chestnut-streets School, stating that the matter will be taken under consideration by the Commission.

Placed on file.

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DEATH.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teacher, which occurred on the date set opposite the name: curred on the date set opposite the name:

Henry L. Pierce District—Eva H. S. Lucas, assistant, May 25, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATION.

The following resignation reported by the Superintendent was presented:

Bowdoin District—Blanche B. Cochran, assistant in charge of a special class, May 27, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Washington District—Sigrid T. Larson, from May 9 to May 24, 1907, inclusive, twelve days.

Approved.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Roxbury High School—Edward L. Underwood, junior-master, from June 4, 1907.

Dudley District—William A. Hoyt, submaster, from June 10, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District — Mary H. Leavey, assistant, from June 4, 1907.

Approved.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Dillaway District—(Kenilworth-street Kindergarten), Kathleen Kenyon, from Apr. 10 to May 24, 1907, inclusive; May Kervin, from May 27, 1907.

Lewis District—(Sarah J. Baker Kindergarten), Lorraine Balkam, from May 20, 1907.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:

Girls' Latin School—Mary D. Davenport, assistant, May 21, 1907, one day.

English High School—John E. J. Kelley, assistant instructor, May 16 and 17, 1907, two days.

Adams District—Mary E. Kennedy, assistant, kindergarten, May 15 and 16, 1907, two days.

Charles Sumner District—Katharine Macdonald, first assistant, kindergarten, May 14, 1907, one day.

Dillaway District—Lena Lee, assistant, May 8, 1907, one-half day.

Frothingham District—Grace A. T. Hefron, assistant, May 10, 1907, one-half day

Jennie L. Quirk, assistant, May 16, 1907, one-half day.

Hancock District—Mary L. Desmond, assistant, May 21, 1907, one day.

Harvard District—Mary C. Leonard, assistant, May 16, 1907, one-half day.

Hyde District—Ada M. Fitts, assistant

Rice District—Ella T. Gould, assistant, from May 10 to July 1, 1907.

Longfellow District—Ethel L. Sawyer, assistant, May 24, 1907, one day.

Rice District—Ella T. Gould, assistant, from May 10, 1907, to July 1, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Louisa W. Burgess, first assistant in charge, May 23, 1907, one-half day. Katherine C. Merrick, assistant, May 23, 1907, one-half day.

Sherwin District—Mary N. Regan, assistant, May 21, 1907, one-half day.

Washington District—Elizabeth A. Lyons, assistant, kindergarten, from May 6 to July 1, 1907.

Wells District—Hannah E. Collins, assistant, May 21, 1907, one day.

Sewing—Esther L. Young, teacher, from May 1 to July 1, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, travel or rest, as specified, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:

Girls' High School—Parnell S. Murray, assistant, from Nov. 14, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for travel and rest; Sarah E. Potter, assistant, from Nov. 16, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for travel and study.

Mary Hemenway District—Mary Waterman, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for rest.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of twenty-six minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of one to be licensed to black boots.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of a minor to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.

Approved.

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BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL CADETS TO PERFORM MILITARY ESCORT DUTY, MAY 30, 1907.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the Brighton High School Cadets are hereby authorized to perform military escort duty for the local Grand Army Post, on Thursday, May 30, 1907.

Passed.

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TELEPHONE BELL, DEARBORN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for an extension bell in the Dearborn School-house.

Passed.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules and regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 291, paragraph 6. Renumber the paragraph 8, and insert a new paragraph 6 as follows:

6. In the Girls' High School of Practical Arts the subordinate teachers shall consist of one master, or junior master, who shall be head of a department; first assistants, who shall be heads of departments; assistants; assistant instructors; and industrial assistants. In addition to the principal and master, there shall be one first assistant for the first two hundred and forty-five pupils belonging, and one additional first assistant for every seventy pupils additional thereto until the maximum number of four first assistants is reached; one assistant instructor for the first three hundred and fifty pupils belonging, and one additional assistant instructor for every one hundred and forty pupils additional thereto; and a sufficient number of assistants and industrial assistants to make the entire quota of master, first assistants, assistants, assistant instructors and industrial assistants equal to one for every thirty-five pupils; provided, that industrial assistants may be substituted for teachers of higher rank at the discretion of the superintendent.

Sect. 291, paragraph 7. Renumber the paragraph 9, and insert a new paragraph 7 as follows:

7. The number of teachers to which any number of pupils will entitle the Girls' High School of Practical Arts is shown in the following schedule:

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS

	Master or Junior-Master	First Assistants	Assistants	Assistant Instructors	Total
210	1		5		6
245	1	1	5		7
280	1	1	6		8
315	1	2	6		9
350	1	2	6	1	10
385	1	3	6	1	11
420	1	3	7	1	12
455	1	4	7	1	13
490	1	4	7	2	14
525	1	4	8	2	15
560	1	4	9	2	16
595	1	4	10	2	17
630	1	4	10	3	18

Sect. 291, paragraph 8. Renumber as paragraph 10, and amend as follows: Insert the following after the item relating to the Girls' Latin School:

Girls' High School of Practical Arts, one special assistant instructor in household science and arts, and one special instructor in drawing and manual training.

Strike out the item relating to the Brighton High School and substitute therefor the following:

Brighton High School, one special instructor of drawing and manual training, and one special assistant instructor of commercial branches.

Sect. 291, paragraph 9. Renumber as paragraph 11.

Sect. 291, paragraph 10. Renumber as paragraph 12.

Sect. 291, paragraph 11. Renumber as paragraph 13.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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PLAYGROUND, NORCROSS SCHOOL.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the yard and basement of the Norcross School, South Boston, be opened for playground purposes during the summer of 1907 for a period of nine weeks, from July 8 to Sept. 7, inclusive.

Passed.

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SUMMER PLAYGROUND, FRANKLIN SQUARE, SOUTH END.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, a summer play-

ground be conducted by the School Committee for the benefit of children in the Dwight School District and vicinity, on Franklin square, South End.
Passed.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That during the school year 1907-08 the appointment of an assistant in the Brighton High School be authorized instead of that of a special assistant to which the school is entitled under the regulations.
Laid on the table.

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REVISED COURSE OF STUDY, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 23, 1907, recommending the adoption of a revised course of study for the High School of Commerce.
The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the accompanying course of study was adopted.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 23, 1907, recommending that the rules and regulations be amended as follows:
Sect. 138. Strike out paragraph 1 and substitute in place thereof the following:
Sect. 138. 1. Examinations shall be held during the week beginning with the first Monday in April in each year, under the direction of the board of superintendents, which board shall determine for what grade or grades of certificates each such examination shall be held. Other examinations may be held whenever, in the opinion of the superintendent, the needs of the schools seem to demand the same. Notice of such examinations shall be given by advertisement in at least four daily newspapers published in the city of Boston.

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Sect. 139. Strike out the section and substitute in place thereof the following:
Sect. 139. Certificates of qualification may be granted by the board of superintendents to persons who present satisfactory evidence of possessing good character, health and scholarship, and who successfully pass the required examinations as follows:
I. Normal School, Head-Master: To head-masters of the Boston Normal School.
The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of five years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools; evidence of good administrative ability.
This certificate includes certificate designated II.
II. Normal School: To masters, junior-masters, instructors, first assistants, assistants and assistant instructors of the Boston Normal School.
The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of five years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools.
III. High School, Head-Master: To head-masters of day high schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of five years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools; evidence of good administrative ability.
This certificate includes certificates designated IV, V, XII, XIII, XV; also certificates for special studies valid in high schools, and day and evening high school special assistant certificates.
IV. High School: To masters, junior-masters, instructors, first assistants and assistants of day high schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools.
This certificate includes certificates designated V, XIII, XV; also certificates for special studies valid in high schools, and day and evening high school special assistant certificates.
V. High School, Special: To assistant instructors of day high schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of two years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools.
This certificate includes certificates designated XIII, XV.
VI. Elementary School, Master: To masters of elementary schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of five years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools; evidence of good administrative ability.
This certificate includes certificates designated VII, VIII, XIII, XIV, XV.
VII. Elementary School, Class A: To sub-masters, masters' assistants, and first assistants in charge of elementary schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools. (See also Section 349.)
This certificate includes certificates designated VII, VIII, XIII, XIV, XV.
VIII. Elementary School, Class B: To assistants of elementary schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of two years' successful experience in teaching and governing regular graded day schools, or graduation from the Boston Normal School.
This certificate includes certificate designated XV.
IX. Elementary School, Special: To assistants of elementary schools, and to substitutes for sub-masters and for first assistants of elementary schools and for assistants of day high schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: Graduation from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, and graduation from the Boston Normal School.
This certificate includes certificates designated XIII, XV.
X. Kindergarten: To teachers of kindergartens.
The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching a regular kindergarten subsequent to graduation from a kindergarten training school approved by the board of superintendents, or graduation from the Boston Normal School and completion of the kindergarten course therein.
XI. Special: To directors, assistant directors, and teachers of special studies, and of special schools, to industrial assistants of day high schools, and to special assistants of day high schools.
The requirements for this certificate are: For directors and assistant directors; such as the board of superintendents may deter-

mine. For certificates in special studies valid in high schools; evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine. For special certificates valid in other schools for industrial assistants of day high schools, and for special assistants of day high schools; evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine, or graduation from the Boston Normal School and completion of special course therein.

The special assistant certificate in day high schools includes the special assistant certificate in evening high schools.

XII. Evening High School, Principal: To principals of evening high schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade; evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine; evidence of good administrative ability.

This certificate includes certificates designated XIII, XIV, XV.

XIII. Evening High School: To assistants of evening high schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: A diploma from a college or university approved by the board of superintendents, or from an institution of as high a grade, and evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine; or three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine.

This certificate includes certificate designated XV.

XIV. Evening Elementary School, Principal: To principals of evening elementary schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine; evidence of good administrative ability.

This certificate includes certificate designated XV.

XV. Evening Elementary School: To first assistants and assistants of evening elementary schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of two years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine.

XVI. Evening School, Special: To special assistants, laboratory assistants, and typewriting assistants of evening high schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: For special assistants; evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine. For laboratory assistants and for typewriting assistants; evidence of one year's successful experience in similar work.

XVII. Evening School, Limited: To teachers of industrial subjects in evening elementary schools and in educational centres.

The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of three years' successful experience in the practical pursuit of the industry the candidate is to teach. These certificates shall expire the first day of September following the date of issue.

XVIII. Evening Elementary School, Interpreter: To teachers in interpreting languages in evening elementary schools and in educational centres.

The requirements for this certificate are: A thorough knowledge of the English language, and of such other language or languages as the candidate is to interpret. These certificates shall expire the first day of September following the date of issue.

XIX. Evening Drawing School, Principal: To principals of evening drawing schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine; evidence of good administrative ability.

This certificate includes certificate designated XX.

XX. Evening Drawing School: To assistants of evening drawing schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine; or evidence of three years' successful experience in the practical pursuit of the subject the candidate is to teach.

XXI. Nurse: To supervising and assistant nurses.

The requirements for this certificate are: Evidence of graduation from a hospital or similar institution giving a course of instruction in nursing at least two years in length.

XXII. Playground: To heads of playgrounds, assistants in playgrounds, and helpers in sand gardens.

The requirements for this certificate are: Completion of a course of instruction in physical training approved by the board of superintendents, or evidence of one season's successful experience in similar work.

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Sect. 140. Strike out the section, and substitute in place thereof the following:

Sect. 140. 1. A satisfactory certificate in pedagogy or a diploma from the Boston Normal School, or from a state normal school in Massachusetts, is accepted as equivalent to one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools.

2. Certificates issued to directors or heads of departments include certificates issued to assistant directors or other teachers in the same departments.

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Sect. 141. Strike out the section, and substitute in place thereof the following:

Sect. 141. 1. Certificates of qualification shall be signed by the superintendent and at least a majority of the assistant superintendents, and no certificate shall be signed in blank.

2. The holder of a certificate shall be eligible for service as a substitute, temporary teacher, or special assistant, or for appointment on probation, or for service in vacation schools, playgrounds or sand gardens, except as otherwise specified. (See Elementary School, Special Certificate, and Sect. 297 of the regulations for vacation school and playground certificate requirements.)

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Sect. 145. Strike out paragraph 1, and substitute in place thereof the following:

Sect. 145. 1. No person shall, after September 1, 1906, be appointed as a permanent teacher in the public day schools whose name does not appear among the highest three of the names on the proper eligible list willing to accept such appointments, without regard to the dates on which the names were placed on said lists; provided, however, that this restriction shall not affect the promotion of a permanent teacher to a higher rank in a school or district of the same grade as that in which such teacher is already employed. The names of persons appointed to permanent posi-

tions in the day school service shall be removed from the eligible lists; and any person whose name appears on such lists may, upon request, have the same removed therefrom.

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Sect. 297. Strike out paragraph 5 of said section, and substitute in place thereof the following:

5. Heads of playgrounds, helpers in playgrounds and helpers in sand gardens must hold a certificate of qualification, elementary school, class B, or a kindergarten, or a special, or a playground certificate, or have been pupils in regular attendance at the Boston Normal School during the preceding year, or have had one season's experience in a vacation school or playground maintained by the city of Boston prior to June 1, 1906.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR IN DRAWING.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 21, 1907, recommending the employment of an additional assistant to the director in drawing.

Placed on file.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

Mr. Ellis offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 298. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:

Sect. 298. The department of drawing and manual training shall consist of a director of drawing and manual training, one assistant director of drawing and manual training, one assistant in manual training, and four assistants in drawing.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TEXT-BOOKS ON PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 21, 1907, stating that it has given careful consideration to certain physiologies recommitted to it at the meeting of June 25, 1906, and again recommends that the following books be authorized for use as text-books in the elementary schools:

Introductory Physiology and Hygiene, by H. W. Conn, published by Silver, Burdett & Company. (Grade V.)

An Elementary Physiology and Hygiene, by H. W. Conn, published by Silver, Burdett & Company. (Grades VII and VIII.)

First Book in Hygiene, A Primer of Physiology, by William O. Krohn, published by D. Appleton & Company. (Grade V.)

Graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene, by William O. Krohn, published by D. Appleton & Company. (Grades VII and VIII.)

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A communication was received from Abbie M. Brooks, President, South Boston W. C. T. U., objecting to the introduction of text-books on physiology and hygiene by Prof. Conn.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, both of the foregoing communications were laid on the table.

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COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING FIRST THREE GRADES.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of May 3, 1907, stating that it has duly considered certain recommendations contained in the report of the medical commission appointed by the School Committee to report on the health of children attending the first three grades, and referred to it for consideration at the meeting of the Board held on Apr. 29, 1907, viz.:

II. Regarding the sessions and recesses:

(1) That the present rule of two sessions be continued.

(2) That the afternoon recess be lengthened and devoted to play.

III. Regarding the curriculum:

That games and manual training, so far as possible chosen by the pupils, be introduced in place of the present schedule during the last hour of the afternoon session.

During the present year a revision of the course of study has been prepared and adopted for use during the coming school year; and teachers are requested to keep a careful record of the modifications that may from time to time seem desirable so that when revision is undertaken, the benefit of their experience may be had. To put the recommendations of the commission into effect now would necessitate a reassignment of time and a considerable modification of the course as outlined. The Board of Superintendents is of the opinion that the desirability of adopting the recommendations can best be determined by taking them up in connection with the proposed revision of the course of study. It therefore recommends that no further action be taken at the present time.

Laid on the table.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 25, 1907, recommending the payment of $23.67 to John Powers for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, from May 13 to 22, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to John Powers the sum of twenty-three and 67-100 dollars ($23.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, from May 13 to 22, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO WILLIAM A. KINSLEY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 25, 1907, recommending the payment of $12 to William A. Kinsley for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from May 13 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to William A. Kinsley the sum of twelve dollars ($12) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from May 13 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

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REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS MEN, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, the communication received at the last meeting from the Acting Secretary of the Advisory Committee of Business Men for the High

School of Commerce, transmitting certain recommendations relating to that school adopted by the committee at a meeting held on May 8, 1907, was taken from the files and referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report at as early a date as possible.

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RETENTION OF MARY D. DAY ON ROLL OF TEACHERS.

A communication was received from Tilson A. Mead, principal, and other teachers of the Chapman School, under date of May 15, 1907, requesting that the Board devise some plan whereby Mary D. Day, who has been granted leave of absence on half-pay until Sept. 12, 1907, and whose resignation has been accepted to take effect on said date, may, on account of her long and faithful service, be made a beneficiary of the pension plan now pending when it shall become operative.

Placed on file.

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DEATH OF ELLEN M. MURPHY.

A communication was received from Julia M. Murphy, under date of May 20, 1907, acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions adopted by the Board on the death of her sister, Ellen M. Murphy, late master of the Dillaway District, and expressing appreciation for the same.

Placed on file.

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DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL CADETS TO PARADE DORCHESTER DAY.

A communication was received from Dudley M. Pray, Chief Marshal of the parade to be held in Dorchester on June 8, 1907, under date of May 25, 1907, requesting that the Dorchester High School Cadets be allowed to participate in the parade and to use the necessary military equipment.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny the application was approved.

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SALARY DUE ANNIE G. HUGHES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the salary due Annie G. Hughes, late assistant in the Hancock District, be paid to her sister, Louisa Hughes.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRUANT OFFICERS.

A communication was received from George Murphy, Chief Truant Officer, under date of May 27, 1907, stating that he has been notified by the master of the Lawrence School that the room now occupied by the truant officers in the Parkman School-house as an office must be vacated by them before Sept. 1, 1907, as the use of the room is required for class purposes, and recommending that office accommodations for the truant force be provided in a central location.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That a copy of the aforesaid communication be transmitted to the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, and that said Board be requested to provide suitable accommodations for the truant officers in a central location.

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FURNISHING OF LUNCHES IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

The Chairman submitted a proposed agreement concerning school lunches between the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and the Association of Head-Masters of Boston High and Latin Schools.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; SCHOOL NURSES.

The Board took up for consideration the proposed amendments to the rules and regulations relating to the school nursing service, recommended by the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the last meeting (see pp. 68-70).

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the term:—assistant nurses, was substituted for the term "district nurses" wherever the latter occurs in the proposed amendments.

Mr. Ellis moved the adoption of the aforesaid amendments as recommended by the Board of Superintendents, viz.: sections 105, 137, 139, 140, 284, paragraph 2 of section 303, sections 323, 324, 326, 327, 334, 419 omitting paragraphs 1 and 2, and section 420.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny moved as an amendment that paragraph 6 of section 419 be amended to read as follows:

> 6. She shall hold herself in readiness to perform such service as may be required of her from the second Wednesday in September in each year until the closing of the regular day schools in June of the following year.

and that paragraph 14 of section 420 be amended to read as follows:

> 14. They shall hold themselves in readiness to perform such service as may be required of them from the second Wednesday in September in each year until the closing of the regular day schools in June of the following year.

Mr. Kenny's motion to amend was lost by a vote of 3 to 2. Messrs. Thomas J. Kenny and William S. Kenny voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Ellis's motion passed, Messrs. Thomas J. Kenny and William S. Kenny voting in the negative so far as paragraph 6 of section 419 and paragraph 14 of section 420 are affected.

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COMPENSATION OF NURSES.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the salary of the supervising nurse shall be fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1908, as follows: First year $924, annual increase $48, maximum $1116.

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ORDERED, That the salary of assistant nurses shall be fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1908, as follows: First year $648, annual increase $48, maximum $840.

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ORDERED, That the compensation of temporary and substitute assistant nurses shall be fixed for the year ending Aug. 31, 1908, at the rate of $2 per day of actual service, one session days being reckoned as full days.

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APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE.

Mr. Brock offered the following:

ORDERED, That to meet the expenses of the services of female nurses in the public schools the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) is hereby appropriated under the provisions of Chapter 357 of the Acts of 1907.

Passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

SAND GARDENS CONDUCTED BY MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY AND HYGIENE ASSOCIATION.

On motion of Mr. Brock, and in accordance with a request received from the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene

Association, the list of schools, the yards and basements of which were granted said Association at the meeting of Apr. 8, 1907, for the maintenance of sand gardens during the summer of 1907, was amended by substituting the Phillips-street School for the Phillips School.

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COURSE OF STUDY, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the proposed course of study for the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, recommended by the Board of Superintendents at the last meeting, was ordered printed in the minutes.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. Pupils are admitted to the Girls' High School of Practical Arts by action of the Board of Superintendents as follows:

(a) Graduates of the Boston elementary schools are admitted in the order of their application.

(b) Graduates of private schools whose standards are satisfactory to the Board of Superintendents may be admitted on presentation of certificates signed by the proper authorities.

(c) Other candidates are admitted on examination equivalent to that required for graduation from the elementary schools of Boston. These examinations are held on the second Saturday and the preceding Friday in June, and on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September.

(d) Candidates for admission from other secondary schools should apply to the headmaster of the school, and should be recommended by him to the Board of Superintendents for admission. On presentation of satisfactory evidence which may consist of certificates signed by the proper authorities, or of examinations, the head-master will determine the subjects and the number of points for which advanced standing may be given and will issue certificates therefor.

2. The school is in session six hours per day for five days in the week. Of this time, ten minutes are given to opening exercises and thirty minutes to recess. The rest of the time is divided into seven periods of about forty-five minutes each.

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THE COURSE OF STUDY.

The purpose of this school is to give full opportunity for the development of that type of students whose talents lie more in lines of doing and expressing than in lines of acquisition. The course of study is presented under two general heads,—academic and industrial, and will usually demand four years for its completion. Seventy-six points, of which at least twelve must be gained in the industrial departments, constitute the minimum requirement for a diploma. All studies in this school are presented in half-year courses, and diplomas may be granted in February or in June. This arrangement of work is deemed of personal and academic advantage to students, as it allows them when obliged to remain out of school for a time, to resume their studies at the beginning of the first half year in September or at the beginning of the second half year in February.

The Academic Departments are English, History, Art, Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages. The Industrial Department presents (a) Household Science vanced; (c) Millinery, elementary and advanced; (c) Millinery, elementary and advanced. The work in Household Science and Arts is offered to girls who desire to make an intelligent study of the home from the standpoints of sanitation, decoration, and care. The Sewing and Millinery Departments aim to give ideals, taste and skill which shall have money earning value for the possessor.

PROGRAMME OF STUDIES.

Subjects.	1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd Year.	4th Year.
English	4	4	4	4
History	-	4e	2	2
Science	2	2	4e	4e
Foreign Languages	2	4e	4e	4e
Mathematics	3	2	-	-
Art	4	4	4	4
Choral Practice	1	1e	1e	1e
Physical Training	1	1e	1e	1e
Industrial Dept	4	4	4	4e

Studies followed by "e" are elective, others are required. Diplomas are granted when 76 points have been gained.

ENGLISH, (16 points required.) The aim of the English department is two-fold: (1) To gain a permanent interest in standard English and American authors through first hand study of their works. (2) To train the student to rapid, simple, English composition in the lines of most frequent need.

HISTORY. (4 points required; 4 points elective.)

The required work in History aims through a comparatively small number of biographical studies, to thoroughly fix in the minds of the pupils the great events and main currents of world history.

SCIENCE. (4 points required; 8 points elective.)

The required points of Science include elementary chemistry, physics, and botany, with special reference to household applications.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE. (2 points required; 12 elective.)

French or German.

MATHEMATICS. (4 points required.)

The mathematics include algebra, observational geometry, business arithmetic, elementary household accounts.

ART. (16 points required.)

The Art courses embrace drawing, color, design. They include well organized instruction in various phases of household decoration and furnishing, and in costume design, as well as a brief practical course in mechanical drawing.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT. (12 points required; 4 points elective.)

(A) Household Science and Arts.

These courses include study of and practice in cookery, sewing, machine sewing, household occupations, dressmaking and millinery. They aim to be of educational and personal rather than directly of commercial value.

(B) Sewing.

These courses begin with plain sewing and proceed to advanced stages, including hand and machine sewing, dressmaking, cutting, fitting, costume designing.

Among the subjects treated are textiles, their properties, merits, and manufacture; dressmaking materials and appliances; principles and practice in designing, cutting and fitting.

(C) Millinery.

Materials and appliances used in millinery. Design,—principles and practice.

Various operations in millinery—facings, bows, bands, wiring, frame-making, hat trimming.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:39 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

June 3, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

LOCATING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC PARKS.

Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., appeared and submitted for consideration a proposal for a new policy in the location of public school buildings in Boston; i.e., to establish on the edge of one or more of the city parks elementary school-houses for children who live in congested districts, to transport pupils to school in the morning and home again at night in the street cars at public expense, to keep the children in and about such schools all day for five days in the week, and to supervise their play and their study periods so that on school days they shall no longer play in the streets nor study at home.

Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman of the Schoolhouse Commission, made a statement with regard to the growth of the school population in the West End, North End and East Boston, and discussed the proposition submitted by Mr. Coolidge with especial reference to the planning and cost of school-houses in crowded districts as compared with suburban locations where larger sites are available.

Mr. Arthur A. Shurtleff, landscape architect, spoke briefly of the comparative advantages of putting Mr. Coolidge's plan into effect in or adjacent to Franklin Park and Franklin Field.

The proposal submitted by Mr. Coolidge was placed on file, and the Board took the matter under further consideration.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GRADUATING EXERCISES, FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of May 27, 1907, in response to the order passed by the Board at its meeting on Apr. 29, 1907, stating that Minton Hall on Forest Hills Square has been engaged for the graduating exercises of the Francis Parkman School in June.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

Comins District—Arthur A. Jordan, sub-master, Sept. 1, 1907.

Physical Training—William J. Holland, assistant instructor of athletics, July 1, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Dillaway District—Mary E. Conlin, from May 1 until May 14, 1907, eight and one-half days; Gertrude A. Power, May 21, 1907, one day.

Robert G. Shaw District—Ruth Dasey, kindergarten, from May 27, 1907.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bowdoin District—Ambrosine Salsbury, assistant in charge of a special class, from May 27, 1907.

Henry L. Pierce District—Josephine M. Haney, assistant, from May 27, 1907.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL.

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Herbert S. Weaver, head-master, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Laid over.

VACATION SCHOOLS, SEASON OF 1907.

Principals.

Louis W. Arnold.
Thomas J. Barry.
Joseph P. Cady.
Everett L. Getchell.
Joseph F. Gould.
Louis P. Nash.
Maurice J. O'Brien.
William A. Reed.
Alvin P. Wagg.
F. Edwin Walter.

Laid over.

ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Lowell District—(Wyman Kindergarten), dergarten), Jennie C. Pierce, from May 17, 1907.

Lowell District (Wyman Kindergarten), Anna P. Kohler, from May 20, 1907.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—(Benjamin Pope Kindergarten), May Collins, from June 3, 1907.

Placed on file.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:

English Hign School—Oscar C. Gallagher, junior-master, May 27, 1907, one day.

South Boston High School—Anna M. Mulcahy, assistant, May 22, 1907, one day.

Agassiz District—Mabel E. Smith, assistant, May 15, 16 and 17, 1907, three days.

Dudley District—Adah F. Whitney, assistant, May 3 to May 20, 1907, eleven days.

Emerson District—Mary R. Thomas master's assistant, May 23 and 24, 1907, two days. Sarah B. McGlinn, assistant, May 28, 1907, one day. Isabel J. Ross, assistant, May 16 and 28, 1907, two days.

Harvard District—Sarah R. Dodge, assistant, May 29 to June 1, 1907, one day a half day. Sarah J. Worcester, assistant, May 17 to May 21, 1907, two days and a half.

Henry L. Pierce District—Frank F. Courtney, sub-master, from May 23 until July 1, 1907. Mary L. Merrick, assistant, May 23, 1907, one-half day.

Hyde District—Mary A. McKinlay, assistant, May 28, 1907, one-half day.

Lawrence District—Lena J. Crosby, assistant, May 24, 1907, one day. Margaret J. Schenck, assistant, May 22, 1907, one day.

Lewis District—Emily I. Boardman, assistant, May 29, 1907, one-half day.

Longfellow District—Herbert S. Packard, sub-master, from May 27 until July 1, 1907. Emma Burrows, assistant, May 13 and 14,

1907, two days. Ethel L. Sawyer, assistant, May 27, 1907, one-half day. Mary M. A. Twombly, assistant, May 1, 1907, one-half day.

Prince District—Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, May 24, 1907, one day.

Rice District—Margaret C. Seaver, assistant, kindergarten, May 24, 1907, one day.

Thomas Gardner District—Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, May 27, 1907, one day.

Warren District—Rose M. Cole, assistant, from June 11 until July 1, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher on half-pay from Sept. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908, and without pay from Jan. 1 until Sept. 1, 1908, and his resignation accepted to take effect on Sept. 1, 1908:

Henry L. Pierce District—Frank F. Courtney, sub-master.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, without pay:

Quincy District—Edith C. Johnson, assistant, kindergarten, from June 6 until June 21, 1907.

Warren District—Caroline E. Morse, first assistant, primary school, from June 6 until Sept. 11, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, on half pay, and their resignations accepted to take effect on Sept. 1, 1908.

Lowell District—Anna L. Hudson, first assistant, grammar school, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

Phillips Brooks District—Esther M. Meserve, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:

Bowdoin District—Annetta F. Armes, assistant, from May 28 until July 1, 1907.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of twenty-four minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of four to be licensed to black boots, and of two to be licensed to act as pedlers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the licenses of two minors to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said licenses were granted.

Approved.

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ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The following annual appointments and reappointments of teachers to date from Sept. 1, 1907, were submitted by the Superintendent:

To Serve During the Pleasure of the School Committee.

Blackinton District—Herbert L. Morse, master.

Dwight District—Jason L. Curtis, master.

Lowell District—E. Emmons Grover, master.

Martin District—W. Lawrence Murphy, master.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Charles N. Bentley, master.

Shurtleff District—Agnes G. Gilfether, master.

Physical Training—Gordon Trowbridge, assistant director.

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To Serve for the Term Ending Aug. 31, 1908.

High School of Commerce—Frank V. Thompson, head-master.

Brimmer District—George W. Ransom, master.

Bunker Hill District—Frank L. Keith, master.

Dillaway District—Emma S. Gulliver, master.

Eliot District—John F. McGrath, master.

Sherwin District—Edward P. Shute, master.

Thomas Gardner District—Charles F. Merrick, master.

Washington District—Benjamin J. Hinds, master.

Brighton High School—Sara L. Shaw, special instructor of physical training.

Dorchester High School—Mary F. Stratton, special assistant instructor of physical training.

Girls' High School—J. Loretta Nagle, special assistant instructor of physical training.

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On Probation.

Drawing and Manual Training—Walter Sargent, director.

Evening and Vacation Schools—Charles M. Lamprey, director.

Kindergartens—Caroline D. Aborn, director.

Household Science and Arts—Josephine Morris, supervisor.

Substitutes—Mary C. Mellyn, supervisor.

Special Classes—Arthur C. Jelly, medical inspector.

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Physical Training—John D. O'Reilly, instructor in athletics.

Charlestown High School—Miriam Harris, special assistant instructor of physical training.

East Boston High School—Carrie L. Worthen, special instructor of physical training.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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Also a list of appointments and reappointments of subordinate teachers of the several Normal, Latin, high, elementary schools and kindergartens to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1908, said appointments and reappointments to date from Sept. 1, 1907, and contained in School Document No. 6, 1907, "Appointments for Re-election."

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On motion of the Superintendent, the aforesaid document was amended on page 8 by adding to the list of teachers in the Dorchester High School, appointed to serve for the term ending Aug. 31, 1908, the name of Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 3, 1907, pursuant to the order passed at the meeting of the Board on May 6, 1907, requesting him to report in what school building the new Girls' High School of Practical Arts can be best accommodated, recommending the passage of the following orders.

Placed on file.

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ORDERED, That during the school year 1907-08, the Girls' High School of Practical Arts occupy such portions of the building now occupied by the Boston Normal School and the Rice School as the Superintendent may direct.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to leave in the Rice School-house such of the furniture and equipment now used by the Boston Normal School as may be necessary for the use of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts during the school year 1907-08.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That in September, 1907, admission to the Girls' High School of Practical Arts be limited to the first year of the course and that the total number of pupils so admitted shall not exceed 120.

Passed.

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NUMBER OF TEACHERS, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized to appoint in June, 1907, to take effect in September, 1907, teachers in the High School of Commerce on the basis of 420 pupils; in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts on the basis of 120 pupils; and in each of the other high schools on the basis of the greatest whole number belonging during the school year 1906-07.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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ADMISSION OF PUPILS, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That for the school year 1907-1908, not to exceed forty graduates of the four years' course in a Boston high school shall be admitted to the special course of the High School of Commerce; provided, that if fewer than forty graduates of the four years' high school course apply for such admission, the number may be made up to forty by admission of graduates from the three years' course of the Boston high schools, preference being given to those who were not attending school during the school year 1906-1907.

Passed.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows: Section 270. Add the following paragraphs:

4. When sub-masters, master's assistants or first assistants are absent, a substitute of assistant's rank may be appointed; and if such absence exceeds three weeks in length, the superintendent may designate some teacher in the building to act as sub-master, master's assistant or first assistant during the absence of the regular teacher. The teachers so designated shall be paid at the rate of eight dollars ($8) per month in addition to the regular salary of their rank.

5. When teachers in high schools of any rank are absent, a substitute of lower rank may be appointed at the discretion of the superintendent.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows: Section 290, paragraph 1. Strike out the paragraph and insert the following:

1. Teachers of the Normal School shall consist of a principal holding the rank of head-master, masters, junior-masters, instructors, first assistants, assistants, and assistant instructors.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows: Section 291, paragraph 11. Strike out the provision in relation to the Mechanic Arts High School, and insert the following:

In the Mechanic Arts High School one first assistant may be appointed instead of one assistant instructor to which the school is entitled under the regulations and six special assistants in mechanical departments.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows: section 291, paragraph 11. Add the following at the end of the paragraph:

In the West Roxbury High School one special assistant instructor of commercial branches may be appointed instead of an assistant instructor to which the school is entitled under the regulations.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 349. Strike out the word "also" from the fifth line, so that the section will read as follows:

Sect. 349. A diploma of graduation from the Normal School, issued after the year 1872, shall entitle the holder to receive a certificate of qualification, elementary school, class B. Those who complete the kindergarten course shall receive the kindergarten certificate. College graduates who complete the course shall receive the elementary school certificate, special. Those who complete the special courses shall receive the corresponding special certificates.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TRANSFER AND PAYMENT OF VACATION SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That any teacher, whose name appears in the lists of teachers appointed in vacation schools or for playground service during the season of 1907, may be transferred by the Superintendent from one position to another for which said teacher holds the required certificate, and said teacher shall be paid according to the schedule established for the position actually filled during any day or part of a day, as certified to by the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools.

Passed.

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JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue a draft for the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) in favor of Assistant Superintendent Maurice P. White and to charge the same to the appropriation for the exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition; the money to be expended by Mr. White in payment of the expense incurred for said exhibit during the summer, and an itemized account of these expenses to be made to the Business Agent.

Passed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed was reconsidered.

The order again passed.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO FLORENCE G. WILLIS.

The communication received from the Superintendent at the meeting of May 6, 1907,

recommending that leave of absence, without loss of pay, be granted Florence G. Willis, assistant in the Mary Hemenway District, from May 6 to June 1, 1907, was taken from the table.

The rules were suspended, and the leave of absence as recommended by the Superintendent was approved.

EXPENDITURE FOR EXAMINATION FOR NURSES' CERTIFICATES.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the expenditure of a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100) is hereby authorized in payment for such assistance as the Board of Superintendents may need at the examination for nurses' certificates to be held on June 15, 1907.

Passed.

EXPENDITURE FOR LECTURES IN BASKET-MAKING AND WEAVING, VACATION SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized to engage a lecturer and to provide material for a course of ten demonstration lectures in basket-making and weaving for the benefit of teachers in vacation schools at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars ($75).

Passed.

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 3, 1907, stating that it has carefully considered the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of Business Men for the High School of Commerce, referred to said Board at the last meeting, and offers the following report thereon:

The Board of Superintendents does not approve of locating the High School of Commerce on the Winthrop School site.

Suggestion 1. That the session consist of seven regular periods (exclusive of recesses) extending from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. or thereabouts (a six-hour session approximately).

This suggestion has been embodied in the rules adopted for the High School of Commerce.

Suggestion 2. That the position of the Head of the Department of Business Technique be filled by competitive examination to be held in May, 1907; that this examination be not restricted to college graduates; that of the 1,000 points which a candidate may secure, 250 be allowed for actual business experience or for teaching which may be equivalent to actual business experience, 250 for academic subjects, and 500 for technical subjects.

(a) The Board of Superintendents does not recommend that the restriction of college graduation should be waived in the examination for the position of Head of the Department of Business Technique.

(b) The Board of Superintendents is of the opinion that the proposed plan for rating candidates taking the above-named examination would not serve the end in view as satisfactorily as the method which the Board of Superintendents has adopted and used in all its examinations during the past year.

Suggestion 3. That all heads of departments now serving or hereafter to be appointed be ranked as masters and appointed at the minimum salary of the master's grade ($2,340).

(a) The Board of Superintendents would approve placing the salary of all heads of departments now serving in or hereafter to be appointed to the High School of Commerce at the minimum of $2,340, provided that the same salary schedule should be applied to similar positions in the other high schools of the city.

(b) The Board of Superintendents grants the importance of the Head of the Department of Business Technique. The subjects embraced under this title, penmanship, stenography, typewriting and bookkeeping, are now being ably taught to more than 3,000 pupils in the secondary schools of this city, and the Board of Superintendents maintains that no greater skill is required from a teacher of these branches in the High School of Commerce than from a teacher of the same studies in the other secondary schools throughout the city; or in other words, pupils now pursuing in the various high schools of the city the studies included under the head of Business Technique demand and are entitled to instruction in no wise inferior to that given to pupils in the High School of Commerce.

Suggestions 4 and 5. That any teacher in the school, at the end of his first or probationary year, be discontinued in service or reduced in grade upon recommendation of the head-master and the assistant superintendent. That a second probationary year may be required of a teacher before confirmation in his position.

These suggestions are now covered by the regulations.

Suggestion 6. That for the year 1907-1908 the minimum salary of one junior-master ($1,476) be available for use at the discretion of the head-master and the Superintendent for the employment of special lecturers in connection with such portions of the course as cannot be treated by the regular teachers.

The Board of Superintendents recommends that an appropriation for the employment of special lecturers should be made.

Suggestion 7. That pupils shall be admitted to the first year and the fifth year classes only, and only at the beginning of the year; except that pupils who pass examinations in the work of any part of the course may be admitted to such standing as their previous training justifies.

The following paragraphs from the rules governing admission to the High School of Commerce meet the requirements of the above suggestions:

> (d) Candidates for admission from other secondary schools should apply to the head-master of the school, and should be recommended by him to the Board of Superintendents for admission. On presentation of satisfactory evidence which may consist of certificates signed by the proper authorities or of examinations, the head-master will determine the subjects and the number of points for which advanced standing may be given, and will issue certificates therefor.
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> (e) Graduates from a four years' course of a Boston high school or graduates from other secondary high schools of equal grade, approved by the Board of Superintendents, are admitted to the special course.

Suggestion 8. That at the end of any half year, pupils who show lack of aptitude for the work or who cannot adapt themselves to the discipline of the school or appreciate its purposes may be dropped from the school by the assistant superintendent, with the right of appeal to the Superintendent and from him to the School Board.

This suggestion is provided for in section 359 of the regulations.

Suggestion 9. The committee approves the present course of study, but recognizes the fact that as the work develops, consideration should be given to such modifications of the course as experience suggests.

The Board of Superintendents in issuing the course of study for the High School of Commerce intended that it should be considered as provisional. It was not planned to be a finished or final course, but was sent out on trial with the express purpose that the school-room might reveal its imperfections, and with the hope that after

much testing, discussion, and suggestion on the part of teachers and principals, and others, the revised course might commend itself to reason and judgment.

Respecting summer employment for boys in the second and third years of the school: The Advisory Committee recommends that the pupils of the High School of Commerce after the second and third years of the course be encouraged to spend part of the long vacation in actual work, and that they receive a proper certificate from the school authorities as to the time so spent. The Advisory Committee expresses the hope that business men generally will be glad to co-operate in the matter.

The Board of Superintendents approves of the summer employment of boys in the second and third years of the High School of Commerce, and it hopes that business men will co-operate in this matter. It would be impracticable for the school authorities to grant certificates for work done outside of their jurisdiction and control.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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EXPERIMENTAL USE OF MUSIC BOOKS AND PIANOLAS IN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 3, 1907, recommending that the experimental use of music books authorized by votes of the School Committee June 27, 1905, and Apr. 23, 1906, shall terminate at the expiration of the present school year in June, 1907, also that the experimental use of pianolas in three schools authorized by vote of the School Committee June 25, 1906, shall terminate at the expiration of the present school year in June, 1907. After careful observation the Board of Superintendents is of the opinion that the pianola has little practical value in an elementary school, but that in the Girls' High School and the Normal School its value for training in musical appreciation is unquestionably apparent. It therefore recommends the purchase of a pianola for each of the two above-mentioned schools.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 3, 1907, recommending that the regulations be amended as follows:

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Sect. 346, paragraph 3. Strike out the paragraph and insert in place thereof the following:

3. They must satisfactorily pass a special examination to be held by the board of superintendents on the second Friday and preceding Thursday in June in each year.

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Sect. 356. Strike out the final sentence of paragraph 5, and insert in place thereof the following:—Such examinations shall be held on the second Friday in June, and on the second Wednesday in September in each year.

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Sect. 358. Strike out the final sentence in paragraph 5, and insert in place thereof the following:—Such examinations shall be held on the second Friday and preceding Thursday in June and on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September, in each year.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TEMPORARY AND SUBSTITUTE JANITOR SERVICE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of June 3, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Apr. 29, 1907, reporting that the following-named persons have now been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment for temporary and substitute janitor service at irregular intervals: Carl I. Priest, Walter I. Mason and George F. Wheeler.

Placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, BAILEY-STREET AND TWO PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 3, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitor-ship of the Bailey-street and two Portable School-houses, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Frederick Metzger for a period of ten days or less, to date from June 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 1, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Bailey-street and two Portable School-houses, and recommending the appointment thereto of John Riordan, who stands at the head of the list, to date from June 10, 1907.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the transfer to said vacancy of John Riordan, janitor of the Emerson Primary and Portable School-houses, to date from June 10, 1907.

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JANITORSHIP, THETFORD-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 3, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Thetford-street School-house caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed John Powers for a period of ten days or less, to date from June 3, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 1, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Thetford-street School-house, and recommending the appointment of John L. Galway, who stands at the head of the list, to the position, to date from June 5, 1907.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board approved the transfer to said vacancy of John L. Galway, janitor of the Clinch and Portable School-houses, to date from June 5, 1907.

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TEMPORARY AND SUBSTITUTE JANITOR SERVICE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 3, 1907, with reference to the candidates certified by the Civil Service Commission for the position of substitute janitor at irregular intervals, stating that he had not interviewed Carl I. Priest, who stands first on the list, as he is a minor, that Walter I. Mason, who stands number two, is unwilling to accept the position, and recommending the appointment of George F. Wheeler, the third candidate on the list, to date from June 5, 1907.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock the appointment of George F. Wheeler as aforesaid was approved, to date from June 5, 1907.

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On motion of the same member, the Secretary was authorized to make a further requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates for temporary and substitute janitor service at irregular intervals.

JANITORSHIP, MARSHALL SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 28, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Marshall School-house, he had transferred Patrick F. Powers, regular janitor of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 23, 1907.
Placed on file.

PAYMENT TO PATRICK F. POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 1, 1907, recommending the payment of $59.53 to Patrick F. Powers for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Marshall School-house, from May 13 to 31, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Patrick F. Powers the sum of fifty-nine and 53-100 dollars ($59.53) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Marshall School-house, from May 13 to 31, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP, BREWSTER, BREWSTER ANNEX AND PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of May 28, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, he had reappointed John Powers for a period of ten days or less, to date from May 23, 1907.
Approved.

PAYMENT TO JOHN POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 1, 1907, recommending the payment of $21.30 to John Powers, for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, from May 23 to 31, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to John Powers the sum of twenty-one and 30-100 dollars ($21.30) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Brewster, Brewster Annex and Portable School-houses, from May 23 to 31, 1907, inclusive.

SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 3, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from May 21 to June 3, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

JANITOR SERVICE, WARRENTON-STREET KINDERGARTEN.

A bill was received from the Treasurer of the Barnard Memorial, under date of May 28, 1907, for janitor service during the school year ending June 30, 1907, rendered in connection with the public kindergarten maintained by the city in the Warrenton-street Chapel.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Frank T. Vose, Treasurer, Barnard Memorial, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for care of the Warrenton-street Chapel, from Sept., 1906, to June 30, 1907.

DORCHESTER DAY PARADE; USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from Dudley M. Pray, Chief Marshal of the Parade to be held in Dorchester on June 8, 1907, under date of June 3, 1907, requesting that the basements of the Dorchester High, Henry L. Pierce and Oliver Wendell Holmes School-houses be opened during the time when the parade is in the immediate vicinity of these buildings for the accommodation of the paraders.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the application approved.

TEXT-BOOKS IN PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

A communication was received from Robert H. Magwood, under date of June 3, 1907, transmitting a protest adopted by various temperance leaders of Boston at a conference held during May against the adoption for use in the public schools of text-books in physiology and hygiene by Prof. H. W. Conn.
Laid on the table.

USE OF BUNKER HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Communications were received from William H. Oakes, on behalf of the 17th of June Carnival Association, under date of May 28, 1907, for permission to occupy rooms in the Bunker Hill Primary School-house on the evenings of June 17 and Aug. 1, 1907, or if the weather should be stormy, on the next pleasant night, in connection with the electrical parades to be held under the auspices of that association.
On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, approved subject to the usual conditions and charges.

USE OF COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE FOR VACATION SCHOOL PURPOSES.

An application was received from Paulina Ingraham, under date of May 30, 1907, on behalf of St. Stephen's Neighborhood Work Committee, for permission to occupy the yard of the Cook School-house during July and August, 1907, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P. M., for playground purposes.
On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent.

RETENTION OF MARY D. DAY ON ROLL OF TEACHERS.

A communication was received from Frank C. Richardson, et al., officers and members of the Home Club of East Boston, requesting that the Board devise some plan whereby Mary D. Day, who has been granted leave of absence on half-pay until Sept. 12, 1907, and whose resignation has been accepted to take effect on said date, may, on account of her long and faithful service, be made a beneficiary of the pension plan now pending when it shall become operative.
Placed on file.

ANNUAL OUTING OF JANITORS' ASSOCIATION.

A communication was received from William M. Kendricken, Secretary, Janitors' Association, under date of June 3, 1907, requesting leave of absence for the school janitors on Monday, July 1, 1907, in order that they may attend their annual outing.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the janitors of the various school-houses be allowed leave of absence, without loss of pay, on Monday, July 1, 1907, when the annual outing of the Janitors' Association is to take place; provided, that buildings in which repairs or alterations are being made shall be placed in charge of competent persons on that day without expense to the city.

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USE OF HALL, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Brock, Mrs. Dorcas H. Lyman was granted the use of the hall of the Brighton High School-house on Saturday mornings for rehearsals in connection with exercises to be held on Brighton Day during Old Home Week, the same to be without charge on the part of the city.

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CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.

A communication was received from the Business Agent, under date of June 1, 1907, calling attention to the requirements of the rules which prescribe that he shall keep a separate account of expenditures under the various items appearing in the annual appropriation order and classify and record all expenditures of the Board in such manner as to make the cost of the various departments and units of the school system and items of its administration readily ascertainable and available for comparison, suggesting that two prominent divisions of the system might be properly classed as units, (a) along the lines of separate school buildings, (b) along the lines of school districts, that in his opinion the division along the lines of school districts will give the best results, and asking for instructions.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills for the month of June, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

The Board took up successively the following orders offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of May 20, 1907, and acted thereon as follows:—

ORDERED, That the powers and duties of the officers of the Board with reference to the management of the schools shall include the management of playgrounds.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That school yard playgrounds open during the summer of 1907 shall be in charge of the director of evening and vacation schools.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That the yards and basements of the following schools be opened for playground purposes during the summer of 1907 for a period of nine weeks, from July 8 to Sept. 7, inclusive:—

Benjamin Dean,	South Boston
Bigelow,	South Boston
Brimmer,	South End
Clinch,	South Boston
Comins,	Roxbury
Cook,	South End
Cudworth,	East Boston
Cyrus Alger,	South Boston
Dwight,	South End
Emerson,	East Boston
Everett,	South End
Franklin,	South End
Frothingham,	Charlestown
Hancock,	North End
Harbor View street,	Dorchester
Hugh O'Brien,	Roxbury
James Otis,	East Boston
Lincoln,	South Boston
Lyman,	East Boston
Phillips,	West End
Polk street,	Charlestown
Prescott,	Charlestown
Pormort,	North End
Quincy,	South End
Shurtleff,	South Boston
Skinner,	South End
Thomas N. Hart,	South Boston
Washington,	West End
William E. Russell,	Dorchester
Washington Allston,	Brighton
William Wirt Warren,	Brighton

Passed.

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ORDERED, That teachers in playgrounds shall consist of supervisors of playgrounds, heads of playgrounds, assistants in playgrounds, and assistants in sand gardens.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That the regulations for vacation schools shall be applied to the conduct of playgrounds during the term of 1907 as far as they are applicable, except as otherwise ordered.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That the compensation and certificate requirements for teachers and employees in playgrounds for the season of 1907 shall be as follows:

Supervisors of playgrounds: Salary—Men, $4 morning session, $2 afternoon session. Certificate requirements—Elementary school, Class B, or High School physical training.

Heads of playgrounds: Salary—Men, $2 one session, $3 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary school, Class B, or High School physical training.

Heads of playgrounds: Salary—Women, $1.20 one session, $2 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary Class B, or higher, or kindergarten or special certificates, or attendance in Boston Normal School, or previous service in vacation schools.

Assistants in playgrounds: Salary—$.80 one session, $1.25 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary Class B, or higher, or kindergarten or special certificates, or attendance in Boston Normal School, or previous service in vacation schools.

Assistants in sand gardens: Salary—$.50 one session, $.75 two sessions. Certificate requirements—Elementary Class B, or higher, or kindergarten or special certificates, or attendance in Boston Normal School, or previous service in vacation schools.

Janitors: Salary—$1 morning session, $1 afternoon session.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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ORDERED, That the sessions and days of each playground during the season of 1907 may be established, altered, or discontinued by the Superintendent of Schools, provided that the hours of duty for teachers and janitors shall be as follows:

Teachers:—Three hours a day in playgrounds having one session, and five hours a day in playgrounds having two sessions, at such times between 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. as the Superintendent may direct.

Janitors:—Four hours a day in playgrounds having one session, and eight hours a day in playgrounds having two sessions, at such times between 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. as the Superintendent may direct.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That the Superintendent of Schools may suspend the sessions of the

vacation schools and playgrounds during any of the days in Old Home Week.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That principals of vacation schools shall perform the duties of supervisors of playgrounds, during the morning session of playgrounds assigned to them, without extra compensation other than that received by them as principals of vacation schools; and that janitors shall similarly discharge the duties of janitors of playgrounds.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That the Superintendent shall have authority to make such emergency appointments of teachers as may be necessary for service in vacation schools and playgrounds during the season of 1907.
Passed.

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ORDERED, That the director of evening and vacation schools be paid three hundred dollars ($300) in addition to his regular salary for services in connection with playgrounds during the season of 1907.
Passed.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board took up for consideration the following pending orders, involving amendments to the rules and regulations, and acted thereon as follows:

Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of May 27, amending section 291 of the regulations, and specifying the number and rank of teachers in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts (see p. 74).
The order passed.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of Apr. 29, amending section 144 of the rules, relating to the expiration of certificates of qualification (see p. 59).
The order passed.

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Order offered by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny and laid over at the meeting of May 20, amending section 9 of the rules, relating to the election of officers, principals, directors, teachers, janitors and other employees (see p. 71).

On motion of the same member, paragraph 3 of the proposed amendment was further amended to read as follows:

3. Appointments or removals of directors, principals and other teachers to or from permanent positions, shall be laid over at least one week before final action by the Board.

The order as amended passed.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Board took from the table the order offered by the Superintendent at the meeting of May 27, authorizing the appointment of an assistant in the Brighton High School during the school year 1907-08 in place of a special assistant to which the school is entitled under the regulations (see p. 75).
The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

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AMENDMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

The Board took up for consideration the communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of May 20, recommending that the course of study for high schools be amended to read as follows:
Page 12. Elective Studies.
History II. Mediaeval and early modern history to A.D. 1700, or American history for pupils preparing for technical schools.
Page 10. Add the following paragraph:
No class in the first year of a foreign language shall be organized with less than twenty (20) pupils.
The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis the course of study was amended accordingly.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:10 o'clock P.M. to meet on Monday, June 10, 1907, at 4 o'clock P.M.
Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

June 10, 1907.

A regular adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

Messrs. Lucius Tuttle, Edward F. McSweeney, and A. Lincoln Filene of the Advisory Committee of Business Men for the High School of Commerce, appeared, and respectively addressed the Board in support of the recommendation contained in a communication from the said committee, under date of May 10, 1907, that the High School of Commerce be situated on the Winthrop School site.

Subsequently, Mr. Ellis offered the following:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of the Board it is desirable that the High School of Commerce should be located in close proximity to the business district of the city, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED, That the order passed Nov. 5, 1906, whereby this Board designated the Lewis School District as the district within which the new High School of Commerce shall be located, is hereby rescinded.

The order passed.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS, DORCHESTER-AVENUE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A petition was received from Mrs. George H. Moulton and one hundred one others, under date of June 10, 1907, that two rooms at least, four if possible, be added to the Dorchester-avenue School-house, and that sliding doors be placed between the kindergarten rooms in order to accommodate the increasing number who attend parents' meetings held in said building.

Representatives of the petitioners addressed the Board on the subject, and also recommended that the Elbridge Smith School-house be lighted by gas, additional seats placed in the hall, and the condition of the blackboards improved.

On motion of Mr. Brock, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

VACATION SCHOOLS, SEASON OF 1907.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the following appointments of principals as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting:

Principals.

Louis W. Arnold.
Thomas J. Barry.
Joseph P. Cady.
Everett L. Getchell.
Joseph F. Gould.
Louis P. Nash.
Maurice J. O'Brien.
William A. Reed.
Alvin P. Wagg.
F. Edwin Walter.

The appointments were approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—4.

Absent—Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That teachers with higher rank than the regulations permit, in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1907, "Appointments for Re-election," be continued in the service for the school year ending Aug. 31, 1908.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That teachers now in the service in excess of the number allowed by the regulations be re-elected with temporary assignment to the school or district in which they have served, the Superintendent to place them next fall in schools or districts in which vacancies regularly occur. They are:

To serve for the term ending Aug. 31, 1908.

Brighton High School—Cornelia H. Stone, assistant.

Roxbury High School—Marion W. Clark, Mary T. Loughlin, assistants.

South Boston High School—Mary T. O'Donnell, assistant.

Lewis District—May M. Gormley, assistant.

Rice District—Margaret C. Seaver, assistant kindergarten.

Warren District—Anna H. Cullen, assistant.

On Probation.

Robert G. Shaw District—Stella W. Seymour, assistant kindergarten.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That ungraded classes in excess of the number allowed by the regulations, as specified in School Document No. 6, 1907, "Appointments for Re-election," are hereby authorized for the school year ending Aug. 31, 1908.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

The Board proceeded to consider the annual appointments and reappointments of teachers, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, as submitted by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting, and acted thereon as follows:

To Serve During the Pleasure of the School Committee.

Blackinton District—Herbert L. Morse, master.

Dwight District—Jason L. Curtis, master.

Lowell District—E. Emmons Grover, master.

Martin District—W. Lawrence Murphy, master.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Charles N. Bentley, master.

Shurtleff District—Agnes G. Gilfether, master.

Approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—4.

Absent—Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

To Serve for the Term Ending Aug. 31, 1908.

High School of Commerce—Frank V. Thompson, head-master.

Brimmer District—George W. Ransom, master.

Bunker Hill District—Frank L. Keith, master.
Dillaway District—Emma S. Gulliver, master.
Eliot District—John F. McGrath, master.
Sherwin District — Edward P. Shute, master.
Thomas Gardner District — Charles F. Merrick, master.
Washington District—Benjamin J. Hinds, master.
Approved by the following vote:
Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—4.
Absent—Thomas J. Kenny.

On Probation,

Drawing and Manual Training—Walter Sargent, director.
Evening and Vacation Schools—Charles M. Lamprey, director.
Kindergartens—Caroline D. Aborn, director.
Household Science and Arts—Josephine Morris, supervisor.
Substitutes—Mary C. Mellyn, supervisor.
Approved by the following vote:
Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—4.
Absent—Thomas J. Kenny.

Also the appointments and reappointments of subordinate teachers of the several Normal, Latin, high and elementary schools, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1908, said appointments and reappointments to date from Sept. 1, 1907, and contained in School Document No. 6 of 1907, "Appointments for Re-election," as amended at the last meeting.
Approved.

DEATH.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teacher, which occurred on the date set opposite the name:
Sewing—Esther L. Young, teacher, June 8, 1907.
Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:
Lowell—Sally S. Allen, assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 1, 1907. Mary E. Merrill, assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 1, 1907.
Accepted.

The following transfer and appointment by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

TRANSFER.

George Putnam District—Alice H. Shaw, assistant, to the same position in the Edward Everett District, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

VACATION SCHOOLS, SEASON OF 1907.

Supervisor of Playgrounds.

Joseph Kirwen.
Approved.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Girls' Latin School—M. Eloise Talbot, special instructor of physical training, June 4 and 5, 1907, two days.
Roxbury High School—Bessie J. Sanger, special instructor of drawing, June 3, 1907, one day.
Adams District—Mabel J. Houlahan, first assistant, kindergarten, from June 1 until July 1, 1907.
Blackinton District—Florence G. Erskine, assistant, June 10, 11 and 12, 1907, three days. Ruth Perry, first assistant, kindergarten, from June 1 until July 1, 1907.
Bowditch District—Mary E. Whitney, first assistant in charge, June 7, 1907, one-half day. Delia M. U. Chapman, assistant, from June 1 until July 1, 1907.
Chapman District—Marietta Duncan, first assistant in charge, May 17, 1907, one day. Katharine L. Niland, assistant, May 8, 1907, one day. Clara A. Otis, assistant, May 7, 1907, one day. Mary E. Sheridan, assistant, May 24, 1907, one day.
Eliot District—Martha J. Ambrose, assistant, May 31, 1907, one day. Katherine G. O'Donnell, assistant, June 5, 1907, one-half day.
Franklin District—Ella F. Erskine, assistant, June 10 and 11, 1907, two days. Ruth D. Stevens, assistant, May 9, 1907, one day.
George Putnam District—Louisa Prescott, assistant, May 1 to 17, 1907, inclusive, thirteen days.
Hancock District—Mary F. Montrose, assistant, June 3, 1907, one-half day.
Henry L. Pierce District—Elizabeth C. Estey, assistant, from May 31 until July 1, 1907.
Hugh O'Brien District—Mary A. Watson, assistant, May 22, 1907, one-half day, and May 31, 1907, one day.
Hyde District—Ada M. Fitts, assistant in charge of a special class, June 20 and 21, 1907, two days.
Lewis District—Alice D. Burke, assistant, May 6 and 7, 1907, one day and a half.
Mary Hemenway District—Cecelia Coyle, assistant, May 16, 1907, one day.
Norcross District—Mary C. Sullivan, assistant, May 15, 1907, one-half day.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Joanna G. Keenan, assistant, May 23 and 24, 1907, two days.
Prescott District—Ellen G. Garraghan, assistant, June 5, 1907, one day.
Quincy District—Katherine L. Wilson, assistant, June 19, 20 and 21, 1907, three days.
Roger Wolcott District—Alice G. Meade, assistant, June 11, 1907, one-half day. Mary G. Morton, assistant, June 11, 1907, one day.
Shurtleff District—Marion W. Rundlett, assistant, June 4, 1907, one-half day. Anna L. Scallan, assistant, June 4, 1907, one-half day.
Thomas N. Hart District—Mary F. Keyes, assistant, May 28, 1907, one-half day. Anna T. Mahar, assistant, June 4, 1907, one-half day.
Sewing—Harriet E. Browne, teacher, May 31, 1907, one-half day.

On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified, without pay:
Harvard District—Sallie Bush, first assistant, kindergarten, from June 19 to 21, 1907, inclusive, and from Sept. 11 until Oct. 1, 1907.

On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, on half-pay, and their resignations accepted to take effect on Sept. 1, 1908:
West Roxbury High School—Josephine L. Sanborn, assistant, from Sept 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.
Sewing—Elizabeth A. Power, teacher, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, travel or rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:

English High School—Charles B. Travis, master, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for rest.

Lewis District—Grace M. Clark, assistant, from Sept 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, for study and travel.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of forty minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of ten to be licensed to black boots, and four to be licensed to act as pedlers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE DISTRICT, FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 10, 1907, enclosing a copy of a communication addressed to him under date of May 6, 1907, by Elisha W. Morse, President of the Parents' Association of the Francis Parkman School, requesting that a separate district be established for that school, stating that he has given the matter careful consideration, and is of the opinion that it seems inadvisable to make this school a separate district, at least until the addition thereto has been completed. The plans for this completion are now undergoing final revision, and it is hoped that the work will be finished so that the addition may be occupied in Sept., 1908. Also that the petition points out certain disadvantages of administration for which some remedy should be provided next year, and recommending the following:

(1) That in the sending of supplies the Francis Parkman building be considered separate from the Agassiz building; that the supplies be sent direct to the Francis Parkman building, under requisitions of the sub-master in charge thereof; and that, in anticipation of the establishment of this school as the centre of a separate district, cyclopedias and other reference books and pieces of apparatus of which but one is provided for an elementary district, be furnished the Francis Parkman building.

(2) That a special assistant of superior grade be furnished in the sub-master's room, so that the graduating class may have the advantages possessed by other graduating classes, and that the sub-master may have some time for general supervision of the school.

Laid on the table.

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MODIFICATION OF COURSE OF STUDY, BOYS' ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 10, 1907, pursuant to the action taken by the Board on May 6, 1907, whereby the Superintendent was authorized to designate one or more boys' elementary schools in which the course of study may be experimentally modified for the purpose of determining in what way these schools may become more effective for training pupils in industrial pursuits while at the same time maintaining efficiency in preparation for high schools, designating the Agassiz School as one of these schools.

Placed on file.

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TEMPORARY AND SUBSTITUTE JANITOR SERVICE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of June 10, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of June 3, 1907, reporting that the following-named persons have been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment for temporary and substitute janitor service at irregular intervals: Walter I. Mason, Dennis J. Lenehan and Charles F. Bartick.

Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, EMERSON PRIMARY AND PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 10, 1907, stating that there being no janitor in the service who desires to be transferred to the vacancy in the Emerson Primary and Portable School-houses, he has appointed George F. Wheeler, temporary substitute janitor, to fill the position temporarily, to date from June 10, 1907.

Placed on file.

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TRANSFER OF JANITORS, HAWES HALL AND SIMONDS SCHOOL-HOUSES AND PARKMAN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 10, 1907, stating that Alexander Nelson, janitor of the Hawes Hall and Simonds School-houses, and John B. Dooley, janitor of the Parkman School-house, desire to exchange positions, and recommending that these transfers be approved by the Board, to date from July 1, 1907.

Communications from Messrs. Nelson and Dooley applying for such transfer were attached.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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PAYMENT TO FREDERICK METZGER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 10, 1907, recommending the payment of $18.60 to Frederick Metzger for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Bailey-street and two Portable School-houses, from June 1 to 9, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Frederick Metzger the sum of eighteen and 60-100 dollars ($18.60) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Bailey-street and two Portable School-houses, from June 1 to 9, 1907, inclusive.

Passed.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 6, 1907, recommending the payment of $4.74 to John Powers for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Thetford-street School-house on June 3 and 4, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to John Powers the sum of four and 74-100 dollars ($4.74) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Thetford-street School-house on June 3 and 4, 1907, inclusive.

Passed.

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JANITORSHIP, CLINCH AND TWO PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 5, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Clinch and two Portable School-houses, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Walter T. Walsh for a period of ten days or less, to date from June 5, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 10, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Clinch and two Portable School-houses, and rec-

ommending the appointment of Nicholas J. Innis, who stands at the head of the list, to the position, to date from June 11, 1907.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the transfer to said vacancy of Nicholas J. Innis, janitor of the Sharp School-house, to date from June 11, 1907.

BILL OF MICHAEL GALLAGHER.

A communication was received from Michael Gallagher, janitor of the Comins School-house, under date of June 7, 1907, enclosing a bill amounting to $2.50, for attendance at that building on Friday evening, May 31, 1907, when an inspection of the lighting facilities of the school was made by the special committee of oculists and electricians appointed by the Board.

Placed on file.

SALARY DUE FRANCES H. TURNER.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the salary due Frances H. Turner, late master's assistant in the Emerson District, be paid to her sister, Elizabeth A. Turner.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Business Agent be instructed to arrange the accounts of the department so that the comparative cost of the several units under the different items of appropriation may be determined, it being understood that the school district be considered the unit.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

A proposition was received from John W. Slavin, under date of June 10, 1907, to take the school census for the current year for the sum of $1650.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the proposition of John W. Slavin to take the school census for the current year for the sum of sixteen hundred fifty dollars ($1650) be and the same hereby is accepted.

LECTURES ON CARE OF TEETH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A communication was received from Paul G. White, D. M. D., under date of June 4, 1907, with regard to the importance of having the teeth of children, especially of those between the ages of five and nine years, carefully inspected and treated for the prevention and cure of dental caries, and requesting permission to deliver a series of lectures on the care of the teeth and dentistry as a branch of preventive medicine before the pupils and at the mothers' meetings in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

ACCOMMODATION FOR TRUANT OFFICERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of June 7, 1907, acknowledging the receipt of the order passed by the School Committee on May 27, 1907, with reference to providing suitable accommodations for the truant officers in a central location, and stating that there appears to be some misunderstanding with regard to the necessity for vacating the room now occupied by the truant officers in the Parkman School-house, in order to provide additional classroom accommodations in the Lawrence District.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Chief Truant Officer.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 10, 1907, recommending the adoption of an accompanying list of text and supplementary books, and that books hitherto authorized and not included in this list be continued in use in the schools, but that no additional copies thereof be purchased.

Accompanying the aforesaid communication was a list of books referred to therein.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the books, maps, globes and charts contained in the list of proposed authorized text and supplementary books submitted by the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 10, 1907, are hereby adopted for use in the public schools as specified in said list; provided, that books heretofore authorized, but not included in said list, may be continued in use in the schools, but no additional copies of said books shall be purchased.

Laid over to the next meeting.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board at 5:31 o'clock took a recess until 8 o'clock P.M.

At the conclusion of the recess, the members of the Board reassembled in the School Committee Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman.

COMPENSATION OF NURSES.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor,
June 5, 1907.

To the Boston School Committee.

Gentlemen:—

I have today approved orders of your Committee passed May 27, 1907, fixing the salaries to be paid nurses to be employed by the School Department, and in connection therewith I desire to say that the orders were signed by me with the expectation that the service to be rendered by the nurses shall cover both the regular and the vacation school periods and that the compensation voted by the Committee is to include payment for service during both periods.

Yours respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

AMENDMENT OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brook, the records of the meeting of May 27 were amended as follows:—

On page 79, first column, fifth and sixth lines from bottom of page, strike out "(c) Millinery, elementary and advanced," and substitute therefor:—(b) Sewing, elementary and advanced.

In second column on same page, under title "MATHEMATICS," strike out the words "elementary household accounts," and substitute therefor the words:—especially household accounts.

AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:—

Sect. 291. Add the following to the paragraph providing for the appointment of two special assistant instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School:—The position of spe-

cial assistant instructor in the Mechanic Arts High School shall be abolished on the retirement of the present incumbents.
Laid over to the next meeting.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board took up for consideration the following pending amendments to the rules and regulations laid over at previous meetings, and acted thereon as follows:

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of Apr. 8, amending section 349, relating to the granting of certificates of qualification to graduates of the Normal School. (See p. 48.)
On motion of the Superintendent, the proposed amendment was further amended by striking out the following sentence in the fifth, sixth and seventh lines, "Those who complete the kindergarten course shall also receive a kindergarten certificate," and inserting in place thereof:—Those who complete the kindergarten course shall receive the kindergarten certificate.
The order as amended passed.

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Communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of May 6, recommending amendments to sections 139 and 140, relating to the issue of certificates of qualification. (See p. 63.)
On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of May 20, amending paragraph 4 of section 297, relating to the reappointment of persons employed in vacation schools. (See p. 67.)
The order passed.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of May 27, recommending amendments to sections 138, 139, 140, 141, 145 and 297, relating to the examinations for certificates of qualification and the issue of such certificates. (See pp. 75-77.)
The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the amendments were adopted.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, amending section 270, paragraphs 4 and 5, relating to the designation and appointment of teachers to fill temporary vacancies caused by the absence of teachers of higher rank. (See p. 83.)
On motion of the Superintendent, the proposed amendment was further amended by striking out the final sentence of paragraph 4, viz.: "The teachers so designated shall be paid at the rate of eight dollars ($8) per month in addition to the regular salary of their rank."
The order as amended passed.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, amending section 290, paragraph 1, relating to the rank of teachers in the Normal School. (See p. 83.)
The order passed.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, amending section 291, paragraph 11, relating to the appointment of teachers in the Mechanic Arts High School. (See p. 83.)
The order passed.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, amending section 291, paragraph 11, relating to the appointment of a teacher in the West Roxbury High School. (See p. 83.)
The order passed.

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Communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of June 3, recommending the amendment of sections 346, paragraph 3, 356, paragraph 5, and 358, paragraph 5, relating to the examinations of candidates for admission to the Normal, high and Latin schools. (See p. 69.)
The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the amendments were adopted.

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Order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, amending section 349, relating to the granting of certificates of qualification to graduates of the Normal School. (See p. 83.)
On motion of Mr. Brock, placed on file.

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That part of the communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of May 20, relating to physical training, athletics, etc., and not included in the action of the Board on May 27. (See pp. 68-70 and 78.)
The communication was placed on file, and the Board acted on the proposed amendments as follows:
Section 270. (See p. 69.)
On motion of Mr. Ellis, the amendment was adopted.

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Sections 301, 302, 303, 304.
On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the amendments were adopted.

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Section 308, paragraphs 1 and 3; and sections 305, 306, 307, and 308 as renumbered.
On motion of Mr. Brock, the amendments were adopted.

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Section 329. (See p. 69.)
On motion of Mr. Ellis, the amendment was adopted.

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Section 412. (See p. 69.)
On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the amendment was adopted.

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Section 417. (See p. 69.)
On motion of Mr. Storrow, the amendment was adopted.

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Section 418. (See pp. 69, 70.)
On motion of Mr. Ellis, the amendment was adopted.

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Section 419, paragraphs 1 and 2. (See p. 70.)
On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the amendment was adopted.

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Section 421. (See p. 70.)
On motion of Mr. Storrow, the amendment was adopted.

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Chapter XXIII, renumbering of sections. (See p. 70.)
On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the amendment was adopted.

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Mr. William S. Kenny moved that the aforesaid amendments to the rules and regulations, which relate to the department of physical training and athletics, shall take effect Sept. 1, 1907.
Passed.

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PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

The Board took up for consideration the order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, establishing the compensation and defining the certificate requirements of teachers and employees in playgrounds for the season of 1907. (See p. 87.)
The order passed.

COURSE OF STUDY, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the course of study for the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, recommended by the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of May 20, was adopted. (See p. 68.)

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the communication received from the Woman's Education Association at the meeting of April 29, with regard to the establishment of a Girls' High School of Applied Arts, (see pp. 57, 58), was taken from the table and placed on file.

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of Business Men for the High School of Commerce, received at the meeting of May 27, with respect to summer employment for boys in the second and third years of the school, together with other recommendations contained in said communication as modified by the Board of Superintendents in its report received at the meeting of June 3 (see pp. 84, 85), were referred to the Superintendent with instructions to carry the same into effect so far as possible.

APPROPRIATION FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING AND ATHLETICS.

Mr. Ellis offered the following:

ORDERED, That to meet the expenses of organizing and conducting physical training and exercises, athletics, sports, games, and play, and to provide proper apparatus, equipment, and facilities for the same, in the buildings, yards, and playgrounds under the control of the School Committee, or upon any land which said Committee may have the right to use for this purpose, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) is hereby appropriated, under the provisions of Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1907.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

EXPERIMENTAL USE OF MUSIC BOOKS AND PIANOLAS IN SCHOOLS.

The Board took up for consideration the communication received from the Board of Superintendents at the meeting of June 3, with respect to the experimental use of music books and pianolas. (See p. 85.)

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the experimental use of music books authorized by vote of the School Committee June 27, 1905, and Apr. 23, 1906, and of pianolas in elementary schools, shall terminate at the expiration of the present school year.

COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING FIRST THREE GRADES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Board of Superintendents at the meeting of May 27, relating to the recommendations contained in the report of the medical commission appointed by the School Committee to report on the health of children attending the first three grades (see p. 77), was taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, the Superintendent was authorized to put into effect in twelve elementary schools the following recommendations contained in the report of the commission:

II. Regarding the sessions and recesses:

(2) That the afternoon recess be lengthened and devoted to play.

III. Regarding the curriculum:

That games and manual training, so far as possible chosen by the pupils, be introduced in place of the present schedule during the last hour of the afternoon session.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Business Agent and laid over at the meeting of June 3, in relation to the classification of expenditures (see p. 87), was placed on file.

COACHES AND INSTRUCTORS IN GYMNASTICS, HIGH SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Superintendent at the meeting of Jan. 21, relating to the employment of coaches and instructors in gymnastics and high schools (see p. 11), was taken from the table and placed on file.

USE OF SCHOOL YARDS DURING SUMMER VACATION.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Schoolhouse Custodian at the meeting of Mar. 19, relating to the use of school yards during the summer vacation (see p. 34), was taken from the table and placed on file.

WEEKLY PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO TEACHERS AND JANITORS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Board of Aldermen at the meeting of Apr. 8, relating to the weekly payment of teachers and janitors (see p. 42), was taken from the table and placed on file.

DUTIES OF INSTRUCTORS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the communication received from the Common Council at the meeting of Apr. 29, relating to the work performed by the instructors of physical training (see p. 52), was taken from the table and placed on file.

PREPARATION OF PAYROLLS, AND INVENTORY OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication received from the Business Agent and laid over at the meeting of Apr. 29, relating to the preparation of payrolls and taking of an inventory of school property (see pp. 55, 56), was taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the recommendations contained in the aforesaid communication were adopted, and the Business Agent instructed to carry the same into effect.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 9:55 o'clock P.M. to meet on Tuesday, June 18, 1907, at 5 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO.

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

June 18, 1907.

A regular adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 5 o'clock P. M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members except Mr. William S. Kenny.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Board took up the following annual appointments and reappointments of teachers to date from Sept. 1, 1907, as submitted by the Superintendent, and laid over at the meeting of June 3:

To Serve for the Term Ending Aug. 31, 1908.

Brighton High School—Sara L. Shaw, special instructor of physical training.

Dorchester High School—Mary F. Stratton, special assistant instructor of physical training.

Girls' High School—J. Loretta Nagle, special assistant instructor of physical training.

Approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

On Probation.

Charlestown High School—Miriam Harris, special assistant instructor of physical training.

East Boston High School—Carrie L. Worthen, special instructor of physical training.

Aproved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Subsequently, the Superintendent submitted the following reappointment:—

To Serve for the Term Ending Aug. 31, 1908.

Charlestown High School—George W. Evans, head-master.

Approved by the following vote:—

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny and Storrow—4. Nays—0.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order, laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:—

Sect. 291. Add the following to the paragraph providing for the appointment of two special assistant instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School:—The position of special assistant instructor in the Mechanic Arts High School shall be abolished on the retirement of the present incumbents.

The order passed.

TRANSFER OF JANITORS, HAWES HALL AND SIMONDS SCHOOL-HOUSES AND PARKMAN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Board took up the communication received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, and laid over at the last meeting, recommending the transfer of Alexander Nelson, janitor of the Hawes Hall and Simonds School-houses, and John B. Dooley, janitor of the Parkman School-house, who desire to exchange positions, to date from July 1, 1907.

The communication was placed on file, and the transfers approved, to date from July 1, 1907.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the following order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting:

ORDERED, That the books, maps, globes and charts contained in the list of proposed authorized text and supplementary books submitted by the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 10, 1907, are hereby adopted for use in the public schools as specified in said list; provided, that books heretofore authorized, but not included in said list, may be continued in use in the schools, but no additional copies of said books shall be purchased.

The order passed, the four members present voting in the affirmative.

SAND GARDENS, WARD 16, AND PHILLIPS BROOKS SCHOOL YARD.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston, In Common Council,
June 13, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested through His Honor the Mayor to establish in all the school yards of Ward 16 sand gardens for the children, also the Phillips Brooks School of Ward 20.

In Common Council, June 13, 1907.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

William J. Barrett,
President.

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass., June 14, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent.

USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES FOR ELECTION PURPOSES.

A communication was received from the Board of Election Commissioners, under date of June 14, 1907, requesting permission to use rooms in the Bunker Hill and Prince School-houses for the evening registration of voters, from Oct. 5 to 17, inclusive, from Nov. 7 to 12, and from Nov. 15 to 20, 1907; and stating that these rooms have been used in former years, and their use will not interfere with any school session.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the application of the Board of Election Commissioners to occupy rooms in the Bunker Hill and Prince School-houses from Oct. 5 to 17, inclusive, from Nov. 7 to 12, and from Nov. 15 to 20, 1907, for evening registration of voters, is hereby approved, with the understanding that such use will not necessitate the dismissal of any class, and that said Board will assume the expense of heat, light and janitor service.

DEATH.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teacher, which occurred on the date set opposite the name:

Henry L. Pierce District—Elizabeth C. Estey, assistant, June 13, 1907.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

Brighton High School—Grace I. Fox, special assistant instructor of commercial branches, Sept. 1, 1907; Helen M. Hanscom, special assistant instructor of commercial branches, Sept. 1, 1907.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Lillias Thomson, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Prince District—Mabel L. Dodge, assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 1, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Sarah B. Turner, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Longfellow District—Teresa A. Hurley, Feb. 6, 7 and 8, 1907, three days.

Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Henry L. Pierce District—Vincent L. Kelley, assistant, June 13 to 21, 1907, inclusive, six days.

Placed on file.

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ON PROBATION.

(By Promotion.)

Brighton High School—Bernadette M. White, special assistant instructor of commercial branches, from Sept. 11, 1907.

West Roxbury High School—Georgiana V. Wait, special assistant instructor of commercial branches, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Comins District—Thomas J. Sheahan, sub-master, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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TRANSFERS.

English High School—Oscar C. Gallagher, junior-master, to the same position in the Girls' High School, from Sept. 1, 1907.

High School of Commerce—Ernest V. Page, junior-master, head of the Department of Business Technique, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Brighton High School, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Brimmer District—Edith M. Robertson, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Oliver Hazard Perry District, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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VACATION SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

Supervisors of Playgrounds.
(Afternoon Sessions.)

Louis W. Arnold.
Thomas J. Barry.
Joseph P. Cady.
Everett L. Getchell.
Joseph F. Gould.
Louis P. Nash.
Maurice J. O'Brien.
William A. Reed.
Alvin P. Wagg.
F. Edwin Walter.

Approved.

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First Assistants.

Mary T. Baker, Nina M. Doanan, Helen M. Donohue, James T. Donovan, Nellie E. Dunne, Helena M. Flynn, Josephine M. Hodgkinson, Mary A. G. Jones, Mary E. Jones, Annie L. Killion, Hugh J. McElaney, Annie L. McGrory, Alice L. McManus, Margaret G. Moore, Alice D. Murley, Katherine R. Murphy, Katherine E. Neary, Adeline M. Norton, Katherine G. O'Brion, John A. O'Keefe, Jr., Joseph A. F. O'Neil, Aloyse M. Owen, Angela M. Pearce, George E. Reidy, John C. Riley, Mary A. Starkey, Mary A. Wogan, Florence M. Young.

Assistants.

Charlotte E. Abramson, Rita G. Baker, Alma Boodro, Katherine C. Brady, Olive F. Buckle, Mary L. Carey, Dorothy M. Carney, Rebecca E. Carson, Grace M. Cavanagh, Helen M. Cleveland, Katharine L. Colbert, Grace G. Colman, Imogene J. M. Conland, Alice M. Conley, Mary E. Conlin, Margaret A. F. Cotter, Elinor G. Cowan, Samuel A. Cragin, Bertha E. Davis, Annie E. Dennis, Alice M. Dicker, Frances G. Dixon, Anna M. Doherty, Helena M. Doherty, Elizabeth A. Donahue, Frances E. Donovan, Veronica E. Doyle, Margaret M. Downing, Effie L. Evans, Helen F. Farrell, Sara G. Fay, Linna M. Ferrer, Ellen M. Finnerty, Katharine E. Flanagan, Margaret R. Flanagan, Annie E. Flood, Elizabeth A. Flynn, Mary E. Flynn, Mary L. Fogarty, Mary A. Fouhy, Clara H. Franke, Gertrude M. Glynn, Regina M. Hart, Margaret G. Hatch, Mary M. Hayes, Marian B. Healey, Alice Healy, Mary E. Jenkins, Catherine G. Kelleher, Alice L. Kelly, Margaret R. Kenneally, Louise C. Keyes, Sara E. Kirwen, Eleanor A. Larivee, Helen L. Leahy, Margaret K. Long, Theresa F. Long, Agnes McCloskey, Hannah E. McDonough, Katharine R. McManus, Nellie J. McMorrow, Esther L. McNellis, Margaret J. McNulty, Anna M. Magrath, Jennie G. Maguire, Mary A. Mahoney, Cecilia V. Mara, Josephine A. Merrick, Anna M. Meyer, Cora L. Mulrey, Mary A. Mulvey, Anna E. Murphy, Florence M. Murphy, Mary L. Murphy, Ella F. Murray, Theresa C. Murray, Eva M. Neth, Anna T. O'Brien, Linda C. O'Dowd, Mary J. O'Neill, Mary V. O'Regan, Adelaide F. Perry, Minnie D. Penzanski, Mary R. Quinn, Grace M. Quirk, Alice M. Raymond, Clara Rowley, Alice M. Russell, Alice G. Ryan, Margaret L. Ryan, Louise C. Scannell, Nellie F. Sheehan, Mary E. Smith (1899), Mary E. Smith (1906), Sarah Smith, Mary R. Stapleton, Catherine J. Sullivan, Katherine M. Sullivan, Margaret M. Sullivan, Eileene A. Sweeney, Augusta S. Tavender, Mildred H. Tavender, Mary A. Tilton, Annie M. Trundy, Grace A. Tully, Elizabeth J. Turnbull, Mary B. Waldstein, Mary S. Watkins, Annie C. Webber, Helen M. West, Harriet White, Arthur Williams, Blanche P. Williams.

Matrons.

Mary F. Connolly, Susie C. De Ferrari, Hannah Donnelly, Inez H. Garland, Katherine H. Lane, Eleanor F. Morris, Mabel V. Mulrey, Frances A. Neilson, Annie E. Simms.

Heads of Playgrounds.

Florence A. Brady, Marguerite V. Brickley, Miriam J. Bronski, Georgiana Charleston, Samuel N. Cohen, Margaret C. Cotter, Francis J. Emery, Winifred M. Folan, Josephine M. Haney, Regina P. Horton, Lucy F. Hunter, Edmund B. Hynes, Natalie Irving, Mildred Kallen, Vincent L. Kelley, Margaret M. Kenney, Mary B. Lane, Susie J. McCloskey, Charles Miller, Mary L. Moran, Margaret Mountain, Stephen J. Murdock, Elizabeth J. Murphy, Julia A. Murphy, Marion Naiherseg, Margaret M. O'Connor, John J. O'Donnell, Jr., M. Cecilia Power, Elizabeth L. Prendergast, Mary V. Sullivan, Grace V. Walsh, Catherine A. Wilkinson.

Assistants in Playgrounds.

Mabel A. C. Anderson, Sarah L. Bates, Helen T. Carmody, Annie C. Coffee, Helen M. Connelly, Anne M. Coveney, Sibylla R. Crawford, Margaret F. Cummings, Emily M. Curtis, Harriet L. Dahl, Jessie C. Davidson, Margaret Dempsey, Ella M. Dolben, Frances L. Eager, Rose J. Geggis, Matilda J. Graumann, Alice G. Haggerty, Caroline M. Hauck, Annie V. Hogan, Elizabeth L. Keefe, Avis A. Kingston, Raphaella M. Langone, Florence R. Le Blanc, Margaret M. Lennon, Sara E. L'Orage, Mary F. Lynch, Margaret McBrien, Winifred T. McCabe, Mary M. Macdonald, E. Cecilia Mackin, Frances A. McMahan, Mary E. A. McPherson, Irene C. Murray, Adelaide G. Nelson, Lilian G. Norris, Mary E. Nugent, Clara J. O'Brien, Margaret M. O'Brien, Mary F. Powers, Agnes E. Reagan, Anna Sansiper, Honora G. Stack, Alice M. Sweeney, Ella A. Sweeney, Teresa A. Tehan, Gertrude M. Tobin, Irene M. Walsh, Madeline M. Waxer.

Assistants in Sand Gardens.

Evelyn E. Bickford, Mary A. Brady, Angela M. Brown, Margaret M. F. Conley, Alice M. Duston, Annie H. Fitzgerald, Alice H. Fogerty, Evelyn A. Gammons, Mary M. Glennon, Agnes G. Gunning, Ruth M. Haynes, Mabel A. Hebb, Elizabeth A. Hickey, Grace E. Lalley, Alice E. McMurrough, Mary E. Marron, Annie E. McWilliams, Mary J. O'Neil, Verna G. Pitt, Bertha C. Quinnam, Mary G. Rebholz, Alice M. Riley, Lena H. Romberg, Edith F. Russell, Claire F. Shanahan, Pauline F. Smith.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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SUBSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES IN VACATION SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

Substitute—First Assistants.

Grace M. Cavanagh, Katharine L. Colbert, Samuel A. Cragin, Helena M. Doherty, Theresa F. Long, Anna E. Murphy, Minnie D. Penzanski, Clara Rowley, Helen M. West.

Substitute—Assistants.

Annie M. Beer, Marion H. Bell, Marguerite V. Brickley, Bertha R. Brown, Mary C. Burns, Helen T. Carmody, Mary F. Driscoll, Rose M. Driscoll, Teresa E. Driscoll, Francis L. Eager, Mary A. Ford, Louise M. Foss, May Harty, Annie I. Heffernan, Annie V. Hogan, Frances C. Lamb, Mary T. Lynch, Frances A. McMahan, Mary A. Mullin, Hortense J. Parker, Eleanor L. Rand, Eva H. Simmons, Mary E. Tufts.

Substitute—Heads of Playgrounds.

Margaret A. F. Cotter, Samuel A. Cragin, Alice M. Dicker, James T. Donovan, Annie V. Hogan, William A. Hoyt, Mary A. G. Jones, Margaret K. Long, Hugh J. McElaney, Mary L. Murphy, Joseph A. F. O'Neil, John C. Riley, Florence M. Young.

Substitute—Assistants in Playgrounds.

Mary L. Barry, Elizabeth F. Doherty, Veronica E. Doyle, Katherine E. Hurley, Helen L. Irons, Anna M. Meyer, Mary J. O'Neil, Regina E. Rolfe, Margaret D. Sawyer, Claire F. Shanahan, Nellie F. Sheehan, Emma L. Steves, Mary E. Smith, (1906), Grace H. Stack, James G. Wolff.

Substitute—Assistants in Sand Gardens.

Anna C. Bosfield, Agnes G. Cotter, Elizabeth F. Doherty, Josephine A. Hurley, Katherine E. Hurley, Helen L. Irons, Catharine L. Levins, Catherine M. McHugh, Elizabeth J. Mahoney, Mary E. Mullen, Alma M. Nilson, Cecilia H. O'Brien, Regina E. Rolfe, Margaret D. Sawyer, Emma L. Steves, Claire F. Sullivan, Helen M. Walsh.

Laid over to the next meeting.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:

Public Latin School—Byron Groce, master, June 12, 1907, one-half day.

Bennett District—Anne Neville, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 1, 1907.

Bowditch District—Lena L. Carpenter, assistant, June 13, 1907, one-half day. Anna E. Marble, first assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

Dillaway District—Lena Lee, assistant, June 5, 1907, one-half day.

Dudley District—Elizabeth F. Johnson, assistant, from June 3 until July 1, 1907.

Everett District—Clotilda A. Delany, assistant, kindergarten, June 10, 11 and 12, 1907, three days. Minnie T. Varney, assistant, from June 3 until July 1, 1907.

Franklin District—Gabrielle Abbott, assistant, June 7, 1907, one-half day.

Hancock District—Katharine M. Crowley, assistant, kindergarten, June 12, 1907, one-half day.

Horace Mann School—Ella C. Jordan, assistant principal, from June 10 until July 1, 1907.

Hyde District—Annie G. Flaherty, assistant, June 10, 1907, one day.

John A. Andrew District—Agnes M. Cochran, assistant, June 12, 1907, one-half day.

Lyman District—Lilian C. Burbank, assistant, June 7, 1907, one day.

Mary Hemenway District—Cecilia Coyle, assistant, June 14 to 21, 1907, six days.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Margaret L. Higgins, assistant, June 12, 1907, one-half day. K. Gertrude Marden, assistant, June 5, 1907, one-half day.

Phillips District—Martha A. Knowles, assistant, May 31, 1907, one day. Elizabeth M. Shine, assistant, June 12, 1907, one-half day.

Prescott District—Florence A. McDonough, assistant, June 12, 1907, one day.

Roger Wolcott District—Orris L. Beverage, sub-master, June 12, 1907, one day.

Shurtleff District—Marguerite S. Clapp, assistant, June 10, 1907, one-half day.

Thomas N. Hart District—Mary E. Farrell, assistant, June 7, 1907, one day.

William E. Russell District—May C. McDonough, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

Winthrop District—Emily F. Carpenter, master, June 13, 1907, one day.

Schools of Cookery—Roberta M. Cummins, teacher, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 1, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:—

Thomas Gardner District—Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 11, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, without pay:—

Lawrence District—Martha J. Krey, assistant, from Sept. 11 to 20, 1907, inclusive, eight days.

Mary Hemenway District—Mabelle M. Winslow, first assistant, kindergarten, from June 14 to 21, 1907, inclusive, five days.

Clara A. Perkins, assistant, kindergarten, from June 14 to 21, 1907, inclusive, five days.

Thomas N. Hart District—Mary E. Donnelly, assistant, from Sept. 11 to Sept. 20, 1907, inclusive, eight days.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, on half-pay, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, and their resignations accepted to take effect on the latter date:—

English High School—Melvin J. Hill, master.

Harvard District—Darius Hadley, submaster.

Minot District—Mary E. Glidden, assistant.

Sewing—Catherine J. Cadogan, teacher.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of fifty-eight minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of five to be licensed to black boots, and of two to be licensed to act as pedlers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRUANT OFFICERS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 18, 1907, stating that he had given consideration to the communication received from the Schoolhouse Commission relative to providing suitable accommodations for the truant officers in a central location, referred to him at the meeting of June 10, that the room that the truant officers are at present occupying is not needed for regular school purposes, and recommending that they continue to use it.

Placed on file, and the recommendation adopted.

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USE OF COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE FOR VACATION SCHOOL PURPOSES.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 18, 1907, stating that he had considered the application of Paulina Ingraham of St. Stephen's Neighborhood Work Committee, for permission to occupy the yard of the Cook School-house during July and August, 1907, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., for playground purposes, referred to him at the meeting of June 3, and recommending that the yard be opened as planned, under the authority of the School Committee, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12 o'clock noon, and that the application of the St. Stephen Neighborhood Work Committee be granted for the afternoon.

Placed on file, and the recommendation adopted.

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SAND GARDENS IN SCHOOL YARDS OF WARD 21.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 18, 1907, stating that he had given consideration to the order of the Common Council that the School Committee be requested to establish in all the school yards of Ward 21 sand gardens for children, referred to him at the meeting of May 27, and is of the opinion that it is inadvisable to do so; further recommending that the yard of the Phillips Brooks School be opened as a sand garden, also recommending the passage of the following order:—

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ORDERED, That the yard and basement of the Phillips Brooks School, Roxbury, be opened for sand garden purposes during the summer of 1907 for a period of nine weeks, from July 8 to Sept. 1, inclusive.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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EXPENDITURE FOR MATERIAL FOR USE IN EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized to print one thousand copies of material suitable for use in the evening elementary schools, the expenditure therefor not to exceed the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125).

Passed.

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PAYMENT TO WALTER T. WALSH.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 18, 1907, recommending the payment of $13.40 to Walter T. Walsh, for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Clinch and Portable No. 25 School-houses and Shurtleff Portable School-house No. 72, from June 5 to 10, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Walter T. Walsh the sum of thirteen and 40-100 dollars ($13.40) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Clinch and Portable No. 25 School-houses and Shurtleff Portable School-house No. 72, from June 5 to 10, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, SHARP SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 18, 1907, stating that as there is no one in the janitor service desirous of being transferred to the vacancy in the janitorship of the Sharp School-house, he recommends that requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for janitors eligible to fill this position.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the names of candidates eligible for appointment to the janitorship of the Sharp School-house.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 15, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Sharp School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed John J. Murphy for a period of ten days or less, to date from June 11, 1907.

Placed on file.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 18, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor during the period from June 4 to 13, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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TEMPORARY MESSENGER.

A communication was received from the Auditor, under date of June 18, 1907, submitting for approval the appointment of Joseph I. Whalen as temporary messenger, at a salary of twenty-five dollars ($25) per month, to date from June 18, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr.

Thomas J. Kenny, the appointment was approved from the date and at the salary stated in the foregoing communication.

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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, WARD 19.

A communication was received from Thomas J. Keane, under date of June 10, 1907, presenting the following petition from some 300 families residing in Ward 19:—

To the Honorable the School Board of the City of Boston:—

Whereas, in that section of Ward 19, south of Linwood Street along Centre to Marcella and from Columbus Avenue on the West to Highland Street on the East there is a population of 2000 having 1000 children from ages five to fourteen years. And whereas the present school facilities are inadequate, we, the undersigned, respectfully petition your Honorable Board to have erected in that vicinity a suitable school building for the primary and grammar grades. Many of the children are obliged to go too great a distance for safety to school rooms that are already crowded to their full capacity. We pray, therefore, that you will give our petition your careful and early consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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NEWSBOYS' LICENSES.

A communication was received from the Newsboys' Protective Union, under date of June 15, 1907, recommending that the age limit of minors to whom licenses to sell newspapers are issued be raised from ten to twelve years.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

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OPENING OF HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS IN WEST ROXBURY ONE DAY DURING OLD HOME WEEK.

A communication was received from Joseph J. Leonard, Secretary of the Jamaica Plain Citizens Association, requesting that if practicable the various high and grammar school buildings in the West Roxbury District be open for the inspection of visitors on the day designated by the general Old Home Week Committee for suburban celebration.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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INQUIRY INTO LIFE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS.

A communication was received from Catharine M. McGinley, under date of June 15, 1907, requesting permission to make an inquiry with reference to pupils in high schools and the eighth grade of elementary schools to show what society and the home are requiring of them in addition to their school work, and the relative amount and kind of occupation of such pupils outside of school duties.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board declined to approve the aforesaid application, and the communication was placed on file.

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RETENTION OF MARY D. DAY ON ROLL OF TEACHERS.

A communication was received from Hon. John L. Bates and one hundred one others, requesting that the Board devise some plan whereby Mary D. Day, who has been granted leave of absence on half-pay until Sept. 12, 1907, and whose resignation has been accepted to take effect on that date, may, on account of her long and faithful service, be made a beneficiary of the pension plan now pending when it shall become operative.

Placed on file.

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ELIGIBLE LIST, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 18, 1907, submitting the following additional list of high school candidates rated by said Board in June, 1907. These names do not constitute a separate list, but each name should be inserted in the previously published list (School Document No. 15, 1906), at the point indicated by the rating.

HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

English.

Rating. Name. Certificate expires.
881—M. Alice Jackson, June 30, 1912.
823—Stacy B. Southworth, June 30, 1912.
808—Katharine Merrill, June 30, 1913.
807—Cornelia C. Ward, June 30, 1913.
802—Blanche F. Kingsley, June 30, 1912.
768—Susan H. Bradley, June 30, 1913.
729—Jessica L. Langworthy, June 30, 1912.
711—Joseph P. Cady, June 30, 1913.
685—Mary P. Colburn, June 30, 1913.

Ancient Languages.

849—Everett Skillings, June 30, 1913.
804—Ida M. Dyer, June 30, 1912.
794—Ernest D. Daniels, June 30, 1913.
789—Isaac B. Burgess, June 30, 1913.
776—Leon O. Glover, June 30, 1913.
776—Edith M. Wolfe, June 30, 1913.
757—Archer L. Faxon, June 30, 1913.
686—Helen M. Donohue, June 30, 1913.
660—Ellen L. Foley, June 30, 1913.

French—(Spanish).

782—Margaret F. Keenan, June 30, 1913.
751—Grace R. Lillibridge, June 30, 1913.
732—Almira W. Bates, June 30, 1913.
729—Mary M. Sullivan, June 30, 1913.

German.

887—Carl D. Burtt, June 30, 1913.
806—Arthur G. Host, June 30, 1913.
756—Myrtle C. Dickson, June 30, 1913.
710—Oscar H. Peters, June 30, 1913.
701—George J. Lenz, June 30, 1913.

History.

776—Ellery C. Polk, June 30, 1913.
775—James E. Winston, June 30, 1913.
771—Harold C. Childs, June 30, 1913.
754—David H. Fulton, June 30, 1913.
752—Emily L. Clark, June 30, 1913.
728—Grace F. Ward, June 30, 1913.
712—Blanche E. Hazard, June 30, 1913.

Commercial Branches.

795—Lucretia E. Berry, June 30, 1913.
732—Frank E. Lakey, June 30, 1913.
712—Edward H. Eldridge, June 30, 1913.

Mathematics.

820—Newton D. Clark, June 30, 1913.
798—John M. Gallagher, June 30, 1913.
791—George M. Hosmer, June 30, 1913.
734—Mary F. Gould, June 30, 1913.
722—John W. Regan, June 30, 1913.
624—Vera W. Littlefield, June 30, 1913.

Physics—Chemistry—(Physcial Geography).

878—Leonard O. Packard, June 30, 1913.
864—Owen D. Evans, June 30, 1913.
829—Alfred M. Butler, June 30, 1913.
740—Bertha E. Dennis, June 30, 1912.
731—Harriet V. Elliott, June 30, 1913.
727—William E. Smith, June 30, 1913.
713—Frank A. Scott, June 30, 1913.
674—Robert A. Bright, June 30, 1913.
652—Horace M. Hovey, June 30, 1913.

Botany—Zoology.

768—Angelia M. Courtney, June 30, 1913.
754—Bertha L. Ballantyne, June 30, 1913.
724—Ella F. Erskine, June 30, 1913.
611—Benjamin Sharp, June 30, 1913.

Drawing.

694—R. Deverd Parker, June 30, 1913.

Economics.

848—David F. Edwards, June 30, 1913.

Placed on file.

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NOTICE TO BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE.

Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the Board of Assessors are hereby notified that the School Committee have appropriated under authority granted them by Acts of the Legislature the sum of $3,851,000 for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount $3,793,430.33 should be included by said Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, and the balance, $57,569.67, to be obtained from the following-named sources: Estimated income for the year ($51,584.37), excess of income in 1906-07 over the amount estimated ($1,380.96), and the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year 1906-07 ($4,604.34).

Laid over to the next meeting.

ATTENDANT AT SCHOOL EXHIBIT, JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the employment of an attendant until Sept. 11, 1907, at the exhibit made by this Board at the Jamestown Exposition is hereby authorized.

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USE OF THOMAS GARDNER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from Mrs. George W. Yeaton, under date of June 18, 1907, requesting permission to use the hall of the Thomas Gardner School-house on Aug. 3, 1907, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of holding a reception to citizens.

On motion of Mr. Brock, approved subject to the usual conditions and without charge on the part of the city.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board adjourned at 6:31 o'clock P.M. to meet on Tuesday, June 25, 1907, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

June 25, 1907.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 4.30 o'clock P. M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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Mr. Brock in the chair.

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APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS ON PROBATION.

The Acting Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

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APPOINTMENTS TO VACATION SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

The Acting Chairman stated the question was on approving the regular and substitute appointments of teachers and other employees in vacation schools and playgrounds for the season of 1907, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

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ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

Subsequently, the Board took up the following annual appointments and reappointments of teachers to date from Sept. 1, 1907, as submitted by the Superintendent, and laid over at the meeting of June 3:

On Probation.

Special Classes—Arthur C. Jelly, medical inspector.

Approved.

Physical Training—John D. O'Reilly, instructor in athletics.

Approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

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RESIGNATION.

The following resignation reported by the Superintendent was presented:—

Wells District—Judith E. Dugan, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Florence Rice, assistant, June 3 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Normal School—Leonard O. Packard, master, head of the department of science, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Brighton High School—George F. Hatch, special instructor of drawing and manual training, from Sept. 11, 1907.

High School of Commerce—David F. Edwards, master, head of the department of economics; Owen D. Evans, master, head of the department of science; Adolph C. Ely, junior-master; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Mechanic Arts High School—Philip Goodrich, instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

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(By Promotion.)

Girls' High School—Margaret J. Patterson, special assistant instructor in drawing, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Josephine Hammond, first assistant, head of the department of English, from Sept. 11, 1907.

High School of Commerce—James E. Downey, master, head of the department of mathematics; Joel Hatheway, master, head of the department of modern languages; Henry W. Holmes, master, head of the department of English; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

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TRANSFERS.

Girls' High School—Grace G. Starbird, assistant, to the same position in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Martin District—William W. Howe, submaster, to the same position in the Henry L. Pierce District, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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SUBSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES IN VACATION SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, 1907.

Substitute—Assistants.

Alice E. Cunningham, Mary A. A. Haverty, Emily M. Desmond.

Substitute—Head of Playground.

Sarah Smith.

Substitute—Assistants in Playgrounds.

Emily M. Desmond, Margaret M. Downing, A. Teresa Fennelly, Verna G. Pitt, Bertha C. Quinnam, Annie C. Shea.

Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following named teachers for the terms specified:—

Agassiz District—Elvera M. Bloom, assistant, June 13, 1907, one day; Mabelle E. Lounsbury, assistant, from June 4 to 19, 1907, five days.

Bennett District—Maude E. Rice, assistant, June 19, 1907, one-half day; Katherine F. Wood, assistant, June 21, 1907, one-half day.

Emerson District—Isabel J. Ross, assistant, June 19, 1907, one day.

Franklin District—Leona N. Crowell, assistant, June 12, 1907, one-half day; Mary M. Simpson, assistant, June 19, 1907, one day.

Frothingham District—Madeline A. Fopiano, assistant, June 19, 1907, one day.
Gaston District—Anna E. Somes, assistant, June 18, 1907, one day.
Hugh O'Brien District—Ermina C. Leach, assistant, from June 18 to 21, 1907, four days.
Lewis District—Katherine E. Lahey, assistant, June 3, 1907, one day; Agnes R. Elliott, first assistant, kindergarten, June 20 and 21, 1907, two days.
Lyman District—Eva L. Morley, assistant, June 21, 1907, one day.
Martin District—Mary L. B. Reynolds, assistant, from June 7 to 14, 1907, six days.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Stanley A. Starratt, sub-master, June 21, 1907, one-half day.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Marietta H. Delaney, assistant, June 18, 1907, one day; Annie B. Emery, assistant, June 3, 1907, one-half day.
Prescott District—Lydia E. Hapenny, assistant, June 21, 1907, one day.
Washington District—Frances Burnce, assistant, June 14, 1907, one day; Elizabeth M. O'Donnell, assistant, June 21, 1907, one-half day.
William E. Russell District—Elizabeth W. O'Connor, assistant, June 14, 1907, one day; Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, June 14, 1907, one day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for travel and rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:—
Sewing—Isabella Cumming, teacher, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, on half-pay, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, and their resignations accepted to take effect on the latter date:—
Hancock District—Mary C. Peabody, first assistant, kindergarten.
Sewing—Julia A. Skilton, teacher.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, without pay:—
Mechanic Arts High School—Katharine E. Leonard, special assistant instructor, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, one year.
Eliot District—Mary E. Hughes, assistant, from Sept. 11 to 20, 1907, inclusive.
Emerson District—Mary E. Plummer, first assistant in charge, June 20 and 21, 1907, two days.
Gaston District—Grace L. Sanger, first assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 4, 1907, inclusive.
Rice District—Lucy Kummer, first assistant, kindergarten, June 20 and 21, 1907, two days.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of fifty-two minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of six to be licensed to black boots, and of five to be licensed to act as pedlers.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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OPENING OF HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS IN WEST ROXBURY ONE DAY DURING OLD HOME WEEK.

A report was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 25, 1907, stating that he had given consideration to the communication of Joseph J. Leonard, Secretary of the Jamaica Plain Citizens Association, referred to him at the last meeting, and requesting that if practicable the various high and grammar school buildings in the West Roxbury District be open for inspection by visitors on the day designated by the general Old Home Week Committee for suburban celebration, and that it does not seem practicable to have these buildings open on the day designated.
Accepted, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the Jamaica Plain Citizens Association accordingly.

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SAND GARDENS, WARD 16, AND PHILLIPS BROOKS SCHOOL YARD.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 25, 1907, with reference to the order of the Common Council referred to him at the last meeting, with reference to the establishment of sand gardens in all school yards of Ward 16 and also in the yard of the Phillips Brooks School, stating that provision has already been made for sand gardens in the yards of the William E. Russell and Phillips Brooks Schools, and that it does not seem advisable to recommend at the present time the opening for sand garden purposes of other school yards in Ward 16.
Accepted, placed on file, and a copy ordered to be sent to the City Council.

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DORCHESTER-AVENUE AND ELBRIDGE SMITH SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 24, 1907, with reference to the petition of Mrs. George H. Moulton et al., referred to him at the meeting of June 10, with reference to the Dorchester-avenue and Elbridge Smith School-houses, recommending the passage of the following order:—
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to place sliding doors between the kindergarten rooms in the Dorchester-avenue School-house, and to light the hall and corridors of the Elbridge Smith School-house with gas.
The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, WARD 19.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 24, 1907, with reference to the petition of Thomas J. Keane et al., for additional school accommodations in Ward 19 between Linwood and Marcella streets, referred to him at the last meeting, stating that the Board has already passed a vote requesting that additional accommodations be provided for the Dudley District, and that the Schoolhouse Commission has now under consideration the purchase of land in this immediate vicinity.
Placed on file, and a copy ordered to be sent to the petitioners.

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PARKMAN AND DRAKE SCHOOL-HOUSES TO BE OCCUPIED BY BOTH SEXES.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 24, 1907, stating that the Parkman School-house in the Lawrence District is now occupied by boys and a very few girls, and the Drake School-house in the Norcross District exclusively by girls, and recommending that this separation of the sexes be no longer continued and that changes be made in said buildings as provided in the following order:

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to make such changes during the summer months, in the sanitary arrangements in the Parkman and Drake School-houses, South Boston, that these schools may be used by both boys and girls.

Placed on file, and the order passed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the vote whereby the aforesaid order was declared passed was reconsidered, and the order was laid on the table.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 145. Add two paragraphs, to be numbered 2 and 3, as follows:

2. No person shall be appointed to a permanent position as assistant nurse in the public day schools whose name does not appear among the highest three of the names upon the eligible list of those willing to accept such appointment.

3. Appointments as principal of a school or district, as director of a special subject, as supervisor of a special subject or department, as instructor of military drill, as medical inspector of special classes, and as supervising nurse, shall not be subject to the restrictions of paragraph 1 of this section.

Renumber paragraph 2 as paragraph 4.

Renumber paragraph 3 as paragraph 5.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

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Mr. Storrow in the chair.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 205, paragraph 1. In the fifth line thereof strike out the word "five" and insert in its place the word:—six, so that the paragraph will read as follows:

Sect. 205. 1. The daily sessions of the Normal, Latin and high schools shall begin not earlier than 8:20 o'clock A. M., and close not later than 4 o'clock P. M.; provided, that no pupil shall be required to attend school more than six hours daily.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the rules were suspended, and the order passed.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 291, paragraph 11. Strike out the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th lines of that paragraph and insert therefor the following:

In the Girls' High School, two special assistant instructors in commercial branches, one special instructor in chemistry, one special assistant instructor in chemistry, and one special assistant instructor in drawing, may be appointed instead of assistants to which the school is entitled under the regulations.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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RANK OF MARGARET J. PATTERSON.

A communication was received from Margaret J. Patterson, assistant to director in drawing, under date of June 25, 1907, requesting that the rank of the position to which she has been transferred in the Girls' High School shall be that of special instructor in drawing and manual training instead of special assistant instructor in drawing.

Placed on file.

RANK OF LYMAN G. SMITH.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That from and after Sept. 1, 1907, the rank of Lyman G. Smith, master, on probation, head of the department of science in the High School of Commerce, shall be that of junior-master, as of appointment before June 1, 1906, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and that he be placed upon the eleventh year of service in his new rank on the next anniversary of his original appointment to said position in the Roxbury High School, and continue to advance until the maximum is reached.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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NUMBER OF BOOKS IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of June 25, 1907, in response to the order passed by the Board on Apr. 2, 1906, requesting him to investigate and make such adjustment in connection with the wide variation in the number of books per pupil in the different high schools as he deems proper, transmitting a copy of a report made to him on the subject by the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools, and recommending that copies of said report be sent to the principals of high schools, to the Business Agent, and to the Auditor.

Laid on the table, and copies of said report ordered to be sent to the members of the Board, and as recommended in the communication of the Superintendent.

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WHITTLING IN FIFTH GRADE, LYMAN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 14, 1907, recommending that the work in whittling pursued by pupils in the fifth grade of the Lyman School the past year be continued during the school year beginning Sept. 11, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the recommendation was adopted.

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JANITORSHIP, SHARP SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of June 25, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of June 18, reporting that the following-named person has been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment as janitor of the Sharp School-house: Frank Wilkinson, who is a veteran within the meaning of section 20 of chapter 19 of the revised laws, and who, having passed the examination for the position of janitor, is entitled to certification and appointment in preference to all other applicants for the position.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 25, 1907, stating that occupancy of quarters on Pearl street, Charlestown, and Portable Buildings Nos. 66, 68, 89 and 91, located in the yard of the Warren School-house, will be discontinued on July 1, 1907, for school purposes because of the opening of the new Charlestown High School-house, leaving the janitor, Joseph Smith, without a position, and recommending that he be placed temporarily in charge of the Sharp School-house, to date from July 1 until Sept. 9, 1907, or until such time as a regular appointment is made to this position.

Placed on file, and the appointment of Joseph Smith as aforesaid was approved.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 25, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Sharp School-house caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had reappointed John J. Murphy for a period of ten days or less, to date from June 21, 1907.
Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN J. MURPHY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 25, 1907, recommending the payment of $16.67 to John J. Murphy, for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from June 11 to 20, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to John J. Murphy the sum of sixteen and 67-100 dollars ($16.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from June 11 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO MARION H. FARRAR.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Marion H. Farrar the sum of sixteen and 66-100 dollars ($16.66) for ten days service as temporary clerk in the office of the Secretary during the month of June, 1907.

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LIBRARY STATION, CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

Communications were submitted by the Superintendent from the Librarian of the Public Library and from the Schoolhouse Custodian, with reference to the occupancy of a part of the new Charlestown High School-house for a library station.
Referred to the Auditor and Business Agent, with instructions to prepare a tentative form of agreement to be entered into with the Library Department to provide for the assumption by that Department of the expense of janitor service and for heating and lighting the portion of said building to be occupied as a library station.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to determine the location of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, and that in the event of the selection of Lyceum Hall Building, Meeting House Hill, the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to make the necessary changes and improvements in said building to fit it for such use.

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ELECTION OF AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board proceeded to the election of an Assistant Superintendent for the term of six years, to date from Sept. 1, 1907.
The members as their names were called respectively stated that they voted as follows:—
For Robert E. Burke—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—5.
The Chairman declared Robert E. Burke Assistant Superintendent for the ified.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills, both regular and special, for the month of July, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. William S. Kenny.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the payrolls and bills, both regular and special, for the month of August, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Storrow, or by Mr. Brock.

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RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT RIPLEY.

The Chairman presented a communication from Assistant Superintendent Ellor Carlisle Ripley, submitting her resignation of that position, to take effect on such date as her successor may be elected after Jan. 31, 1908.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, Mrs. Ripley's resignation was accepted to take effect Jan. 31, 1908, or as soon thereafter as her successor shall be elected.

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CERTIFICATES FOR EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS ADMITTED TO HIGH SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That pupils from the eighth grade of the elementary schools who successfully pass the prescribed examinations for admission to high schools may be granted appropriate certificates to that effect, which shall be signed by the Superintendent and by the head-master of the school to which such pupils are admitted.

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RECESS.

The Board took a recess at 5:42 o'clock P.M. until 7:30 o'clock P.M.
At the conclusion of the recess the Board reassembled in the School Committee Chamber.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny in the chair.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication from the Schoolhouse Commission, relating to requirements for additional school accommodations, received at the meeting of July 17, 1906, was taken from the table, and placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication from Fred A. Fernald, head-master of the Central Evening High School, with reference to the lighting facilities of said school, received at the meeting of Mar. 19, 1907, was taken from the table, and placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, the communication from the Janitors' Association, with reference to the preparation of payrolls, received at the meeting of May 6, 1907, was taken from the table, and placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communications from the Board of Superintendents and the South Boston W. C. T. U., received at the meeting of May 27, 1907, and

from Robert H. Magwood, received at the meeting of June 3, 1907, with reference to text-books in physiology and hygiene, were taken from the table, and placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, the orders presented by the Superintendent at the meeting of June 3, 1907, with reference to the Girls' High School of Practical Arts being established in the Rice School-house, and requesting the Schoolhouse Commission to leave in that building such of the furniture and equipment now used by the Boston Normal School as may be necessary for the use of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, were taken from the table, and placed on file.

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The following order offered by the Superintendent at the meeting of Apr. 8, 1907, was taken from the table:

ORDERED, That the compensation of clerks and stenographers hereafter employed in the offices of the School Committee shall be established at the following rate:—

First year, $600; annual increase, $60; maximum, $840; and that such clerks and stenographers who are now in the service and who receive less than $840 per annum, shall continue on their present salaries until March 1, 1908, when they shall be severally advanced at the rate of $60 per annum; and shall thereafter be advanced at the same rate on March 1 of each succeeding year until the maximum of $840 shall be attained.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the order was amended by adding the following words at the end thereof:—provided, that such increases shall not be allowed unless the heads of the offices in which such stenographers and clerks are employed shall certify that the services of such employees during the preceding year have been satisfactory.

The order as amended passed.

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Mr. Storrow in the chair.

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On motion of the Superintendent, the communication received from him at the meeting of May 6, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he proposed to establish a special class in the Winthrop District, said class to be organized on Sept. 11, 1907, and to be located in the Denison House, 93 Tyler street, without expense to the city for rent, heat, light, or janitor service, was taken from the table. The Superintendent further reported that he was now advised that it would be necessary for the city to assume an expense not exceeding $100 for janitor service in connection with the occupancy of the aforesaid premises.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Storrow, the proposed action of the Superintendent was approved, provided that the expense to the city for janitor service shall not exceed $100 per annum.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the meeting of Nov. 12, 1906, with reference to the proposed adoption of but one writing book, was placed on file.

On motion of the same member, it was

ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents be requested to report fully on the subject of writing in the public schools as early as practicable in the fall.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, the agreement submitted by the Chairman at the meeting of May 27, 1907, with reference to the furnishing of lunches to pupils in the high schools, by the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, was taken from the table, and the Chairman authorized to execute the same in revised form on behalf of the Board.

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SCHOOL NURSES.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby authorized in his discretion to continue during the vacation school term the services of nurses now assigned to various schools without expense to the city.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 10:40 o'clock P. M. to meet on Saturday, June 29, 1907, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

June 29, 1907.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 1 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members except Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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EVENING SCHOOL, COMINS SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston, in Common Council,
June 13, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested to make arrangements for holding in the Comins School building the sessions of the evening school heretofore held in the Sherwin School building, it being found that said Comins School building is in a more central location and would better meet the requirements of patrons of said evening school.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, June 24, 1907, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:—

John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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The following appointments by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Dillaway District—Mary E. Conlin, June 18, 1907, one-half day.

Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

High School of Commerce—Raymond G. Laird, master, head of the department of business technique, from Sept. 11, 1907; Rollin H. Fisher, special assistant instructor in commercial branches, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

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ATTENDANT IN A KINDERGARTEN.

Lyman District—(Cudworth Kindergarten No. 2), Louise J. Currie, from May 13, 1907.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:—

Lincoln District—Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, on half-pay, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, and their resignations accepted to take effect on the latter date:—

Dillaway District—Eliza Brown, assistant.

Rice District—Ella T. Gould, assistant.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of two minors to be licensed to sell newspapers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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PRINCIPALS OF VACATION SCHOOLS TO ACT AS SUPERVISORS OF PLAYGROUNDS WHEN THEIR SCHOOLS ARE NOT IN SESSION.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That principals of vacation schools may, during the season of 1907, act as supervisors of playgrounds during such days as their schools are not in session.

Passed.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT NURSES.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the appointment of not more than twenty assistant nurses is hereby authorized by this Board.

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ELIGIBLE LIST, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of June 27, 1907, submitting the following additional rating to the high school list of eligible candidates. This name should be inserted in the previously published lists (School Document No. 15, 1906, and the additional list submitted to the School Committee on June 18, 1907), at the point indicated by the rating.

HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Commercial Branches.

Rating.	Name.	Certificate Expires.
713	Raymond G. Laird	June 30, 1913

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of June 29, 1907, reporting the resignation of Lydia F. Brock, an assistant in his office, to date from June 30, 1907, and recommending the appointment to fill said vacancy of Mary L. Morris, who has been duly certified by the Civil Service Commission, to date from July 1, 1907.

The communication was placed on file, the resignation accepted, and the appointment approved.

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SALARY DUE DANIEL H. GILL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 29, 1907, recommending that the salary due the late Daniel H. Gill, amounting to $39.17, for services rendered as janitor of the Rutland-street School-house from Apr. 1 to 25, 1907, inclusive, be paid to his sister, Susan Drake.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the salary due the late Daniel H. Gill, amounting to thirty-nine and 17-100 dollars ($39.17), for services rendered as janitor of the Rutland-street School-house from Apr. 1 to 25, 1907, inclusive, be paid to his sister, Susan Drake.

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PAYMENT TO GEORGE F. WHEELER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 29, 1907, recommending the payment of $34.30 to George F. Wheeler, substitute janitor, for services rendered in the Emerson Primary and Portable No. 55 School-houses from June 10 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to George F. Wheeler, substitute janitor, the sum of thirty-four and 30-100 dollars ($34.30) for services rendered in the Emerson Primary and Portable No. 55 School-houses, from June 10 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That such amounts as may be due George F. Wheeler for services as substitute janitor rendered during July and August, 1907, when certified to by the Schoolhouse Custodian, may be approved on behalf of this Board by the member already authorized to approve payrolls and bills during either of said months.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 29, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from June 19 to 29, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN J. MURPHY.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of June 29, 1907, recommending the payment of $16.67 to John J. Murphy, for services rendered by him as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house from June 21 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to John J. Murphy the sum of sixteen and 67-100 ($16.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from June 21 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

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PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL CADETS TO WEAR UNIFORMS ON DAY OF DEDICATION OF OLD LATIN SCHOOL-HOUSE TABLET.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the members of the Boston School Cadets belonging to the Public Latin School battalions be allowed to appear in uniform, without arms or other equipment, on the day during Old Home Week when the tablet designating the site of the Old Latin School-house is to be dedicated.

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DIPLOMA OF GRADUATION FOR HYMAN RALBY.

A communication was received from Hyman Ralby, under date of June 27, 1907, appealing from the decision of the Board of Superintendents with regard to the failure of his son, Hyman Ralby, to receive a diploma of graduation from the Warren School, and requesting a hearing on said appeal. Subsequently, Mr. Ralby appeared and was heard on the subject.

The communication was placed on file, and the Secretary directed to communicate with Mr. Ralby on the subject.

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APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointment of Herbert S. Weaver as head-master of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of June 3.

The appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, and Storrow—3.

Nay—Mr. William S. Kenny.

Absent—Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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NOTICE TO BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of the order offered by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, and laid over at the meeting of June 18, notifying the Board of Assessors of appropriations made for the support of the public schools for the present financial year (see p. 100).

The order passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That, in accordance with Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1907, the following-named school districts be and hereby are designated as the school districts in the city of Boston in which additional school accommodations are necessary, the said school districts being named in the order in which in the opinion of the School Committee provision should be made for additional school accommodations in this city from the funds which may become available during the present year under the provisions of section 2 of said chapter, and the number of pupils set opposite each of the school districts being the approximate number of additional pupils for which provision should be made in each of said school districts:—

	Pupils.
Agassiz District, elementary school, upper grades	264
Wells District, elementary school, lower grades	300
Bennett District, elementary school, lower grades	100
Adams District, elementary school, lower grades	200
Prince District, high school, (Mechanic Arts High School)	800
Phillips District, elementary school, upper grades	880
Edward Everett District, elementary school, upper grades	616
Brimmer District, elementary school, upper grades	1,496

Passed, by a vote of 4 to 0.

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Subsequently, the following communication was received:—

City of Boston, Schoolhouse Department,
120 Boylston street,
June 29th, 1907.

To the School Committee, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen: In accordance with Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1907, and in compliance

with your request, the Board of School-house Commissioners, returns herewith the list of items prepared by your Committee showing the additional accommodations required for the year 1907 in the various school districts, having, in accordance with said Act, set against each item the amount which in the opinion of this Board will be required for additional accommodations in each of the school districts specified, including land therefor when necessary,—viz.:—

Item No. 1. Agassiz District, elementary school, upper grades (building and furnishing)	$62,000 00
Item No. 2. Wells District, elementary school, lower grades (building and furnishing)	50,000 00
Item No. 3. Bennett District, elementary school, lower grades (building and furnishing)	15,000.00
Item No. 4. Adams District, elementary school, lower grades (building and furnishing)	15,000 00
Item No. 5. Prince District, high school, (Mechanic Arts High School) (building and furnishing)	500,000 00
Item No. 6. Phillips District, elementary school, upper grades (land, building and furnishing)	358,000 00
Total	$1,000,000 00
Item No. 7. Edward Everett District, elementary school, upper grades (building and furnishing)	
Item No. 8. Brimmer District, elementary school, upper grades (land, building and furnishing)	

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1907, the Board has taken up the items "in the order designated by your Committee," and has continued "until the aggregate of said amount is equal to the limit of the amount which may be provided during the year under the provisions of Section two of this Act." As the aggregate of the first six items is $1,000,000, the limit of the amount which may become available during the present year under the provisions of Chapter 450, our Board presents herewith estimates for only the first six items.

Very respectfully,
R. Clipston Sturgis,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Ellis offered the following:—

ORDERED, That, in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of chapter 450 of the acts of 1907, the School Committee hereby determines one million dollars ($1,000,000) to be the amount which it is necessary to have available during the present year for the purposes of meeting the expenses of constructing and furnishing high and elementary school buildings in the city of Boston, of enlarging high and elementary school buildings in said city so as to provide additional school accommodations, of acquiring land as sites for said buildings and additions and as yards therefor, and of preparing such yards for use; and the City Treasurer is hereby requested to issue and sell negotiable bonds of the city of Boston to said amount, the proceeds to be used for said expenses.

The order passed by the following vote:—

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—4.

Absent—Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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SALARY DUE EDITH H. WOOD.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the amount due Edith H. Wood, late assistant in the Oliver Wendell Holmes District, be paid to her father, Oliver E. Wood.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE DISTRICT, FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the communication received from the Superintendent, and laid on the table at the meeting of June 10, with reference to the establishment of a separate district for the Francis Parkman School (see p. 91), was taken from the table, and placed on file.

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On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That in the furnishing of supplies, the Francis Parkman building be considered separate from the Agassiz building; that the supplies be sent direct to the Francis Parkman building under requisitions of the sub-master in charge thereof; and that cyclopaedias and other reference books and pieces of apparatus, of which but one is provided for an elementary district, be furnished the Francis Parkman building.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That for the school year 1907-08, a special assistant in the room of the sub-master in the Francis Parkman building is hereby authorized.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF CAMILLE RIED.

A communication was received from Camille Ried, under date of June 27, 1907, with reference to the decision of the Superintendent not to recommend his reappointment as a teacher for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Brock, laid on the table.

Subsequently, the communication was taken from the table, and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Ried that the Board feels compelled to affirm the decision of the Superintendent.

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LIBRARY STATION, CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Auditor and Business Agent, under date of June 29, 1907, who were instructed at the last meeting to prepare a tentative form of agreement to be entered into with the Library Department to meet the cost of janitor service and for heating and lighting that portion of the new Charlestown High School-house which is to be occupied as a library station, reporting that they had conferred with the Librarian on the subject, but were unable to conclude a satisfactory arrangement at this time, and requesting further instructions.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the matter was referred to the Chairman with full powers.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board went into executive session.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, the doors were opened.

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SALARY SCHEDULE FOR TEACHERS.

The Board proceeded to consider a salary schedule for teachers for the ensuing year as follows:

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1. ORDERED, That the salaries of teach-

ers of the public schools be fixed for the year ending August 31, 1908, as contained in the following schedule:—

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master, first year $3204, annual increase $144, maximum $3780 00
Masters, first year $2340, annual increase $144, maximum 3204 00
Junior-Masters, first year $1476, annual increase $144, maximum 2628 00
Instructors, first year $1200, annual increase $120, maximum 2040 00
Assistant Instructors, first year $900, annual increase $72, maximum 1548 00
First Assistants, first year $1332, annual increase $72, maximum 1836 00
Assistants, first year $1140, annual increase $60, maximum 1620 00
Instructor in Drawing 2508 00

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters appointed before June 1, 1906 ..... $3780 00
Head-Masters appointed after June 1, 1906, first year $3204, annual increase $144, maximum 3780 00
Masters who are heads of departments; first year $2340, annual increase $144, maximum 3204 00
Masters appointed before June 1, 1906 ..... 3060 00
Junior-Masters appointed before June 1, 1906; first year $1476, annual increase for eleven years $144, salary for the twelfth and subsequent years with the rank of Master 3060 00
Junior-Masters appointed after June 1, 1906; first year $1476, annual increase $144, maximum 2628 00
Instructors, appointed before June 1, 1906; first year $1500, annual increase $120, maximum 2340 00
Instructors, appointed after June 1, 1906; first year $1200, annual increase $120, maximum 2040 00
Assistant Instructors, appointed before June 1, 1906; first year $972, annual increase $72, maximum 1620 00
Assistant Instructors, appointed after June 1, 1906; first year $900, annual increase $72, maximum 1548 00
Assistant Principals, first year $1620, annual increase $72, maximum 1836 00
The rank of assistant principal shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.
First Assistants, first year $1332, annual increase $72, maximum 1836 00
Assistants, first year $972, annual increase $72, maximum 1620 00
Special Assistants, first year $480, annual increase $60, maximum 600 00

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Instructor of Metal Working (Mechanic Arts High School) 2580 00
The rank of instructor of metal working shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbent.
Special Assistant Instructors (Mechanic Arts High School); first year $600, annual increase $72, maximum 960 00
The rank of special assistant instructor shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.
Special Assistants in Mechanical Department, Mechanic Arts High School; per day, first year $1.50, second and subsequent years 2 00

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Industrial Assistants (Girls' High School of Practical Arts); first year $600, annual increase $72, maximum 960 00
Special Assistant Instructor in Household Science and Arts (Girls' High School of Practical Arts); first year $600, annual increase $72, maximum 960 00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS, LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Chemistry.

Special Instructor in Chemistry, Girls' High School $1620 00
Special Assistant Instructor in Chemistry, Girls' High School; first year $900, annual increase $72, maximum 1548 00

Commercial Branches.

Special Instructors, appointed before June 1, 1906; first year $1200, annual increase $120, maximum 2160 00
Special Instructors, appointed after June 1, 1906; first year $1200, annual increase $120, maximum 2040 00
Special Assistant Instructors, first year $900, annual increase $72, maximum 1548 00

Drawing.

Special Instructor in Drawing, English High School 2508 00
Special Instructors in Drawing and Manual Training, appointed before June 1, 1906; first year $1500, annual increase $120, maximum 2340 00
Special Instructors in Drawing and Manual Training, appointed after June 1, 1906; first year $1440, annual increase $120, maximum 2040 00
Special Assistant Instructors in Drawing, first year $900, annual increase $72, maximum 1548 00

Modern Languages.

Assistant Instructor $1800 00
The position of assistant instructor, modern languages, shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbent.
Special Instructor in German, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools 1800 00
Special Instructor in French, Roxbury High School 1300 00
Special Instructor in French, South Boston High School 1200 00

Physical Training.

Special Instructors in Physical Training, appointed before June 1, 1906 ..... 1200 00
Special Instructors in Physical Training, appointed after June 1, 1906; first year $900, annual increase $72, maximum 1188 00
Special Assistant Instructors in Physical Training; first year $612, annual increase $72, maximum 900 00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year $2580, annual increase $120, maximum $3180 00
Sub-Masters, first year $1500, annual increase $120, maximum 2340 00
Masters' Assistants, first year $972, annual increase $48, maximum 1308 00
First Assistants, Grammar Schools; first year $972, annual increase $48, maximum 1212 00
The rank of first assistant in grammar schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.
First Assistants, Primary Schools; first year $984, annual increase $48, maximum 1080 00
The rank of first assistant in primary schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.
First Assistant in Charge, first year $972, annual increase $48, maximum 1116 00
Assistants, first year $552, annual increase $48, maximum 936 00
Special Assistants in the Grades, per day 1 50

KINDERGARTENS.

First Assistants, first year $624, increase for the second year $24, annual increase for the third and subsequent years $48, maximum 792 00
Assistants, first year $432, annual increase $48, maximum 624 00
Special Assistants, per day 1 25

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Director of Evening and Vacation Schools, first year $1980, annual increase $120, maximum $2580 00

High Schools.

Principal, Central School, per week	50 00
Principals, local schools, per week	30 00
Special Assistant, Central School, per week	18 00
Special Assistants, local schools, per week	14 00
Assistants, per evening	4 00
Special Teacher of Penmanship, Central School, per evening	2 50
Typewriting Assistants, per evening	2 00
Laboratory Assistants, per evening	2 00
Pianists, per evening	1 50

Elementary Schools and Educational Centres.

Principals in schools having an average monthly attendance of 100 pupils or more, per week	25 00
Principals in schools having an average monthly attendance of less than 100 pupils, per week	20 00
First Assistants, per evening	2 50
Assistants, per evening	2 00
Interpreters, per evening	2 00

Drawing Schools.

Masters, per evening	$10 00
The rank of master in evening drawing schools shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.	
Principals, per evening, first year $7, second year and subsequently	8 00
Assistants, per evening, first year $4, second year $5, third year and subsequently	6 00

HORACE MANN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

Principal, first year $2580, annual increase $120, maximum	$3180 00
Assistant Principal, first year $1152, annual increase $72, maximum	1440 00
Assistants, first year $780, annual increase $72, maximum	1284 00
Special Assistants, per day	1 50

SCHOOL ON SPECTACLE ISLAND.

Teacher, first year $552, annual increase $48, maximum	$648 00
Other expenses connected with the school, except for books	48 00

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

Drawing and Manual Training.

Director of Drawing and Manual Training	$3000 00
Assistant Director of Drawing and Manual Training	2628 00
Assistant to Director in Manual Training, first year $1500, annual increase $120, maximum	2340 00
Assistants to Director in Drawing, first year $1212, annual increase $72, maximum	1500 00
Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools; first year $1056, annual increase $48, maximum	1200 00
Assistant Instructors in Manual Training, Elementary Schools; first year $804, annual increase $48, maximum	996 00

Household Science and Arts.

Supervisor, first year $1212, annual increase $72, maximum	1500 00
Instructors in Schools of Cookery, first year $552, annual increase $48, maximum	936 00

Sewing.

Teachers appointed before August 31, 1905, and whose time is not fully occupied:

One division	$144 00
Two divisions	240 00
Three divisions	336 00
Four divisions	432 00
Five divisions	516 00
Six divisions	588 00
Seven divisions	660 00
Eight divisions	732 00
Nine divisions	792 00
Ten divisions	840 00
Eleven divisions	888 00
All over eleven divisions	936 00
Teachers appointed after August 31, 1905, first year $552, annual increase $48, maximum	936 00

Kindergartens.

Director	$1800 00

Military Drill.

Instructor	$2004 00
Armorer	1050 00

Music.

Director	$3000 00
Assistant Directors, first year $2004, annual increase $72, maximum	2652 00
Assistants, first year $996, annual increase $48, maximum	1236 00

Physical Training and Athletics.

Director	$3756 00
Assistant Directors, first year $1800, annual increase $120, maximum	2400 00
Instructors of Athletics	1116 00

Special Classes.

Medical Inspector	$1008 00
Assistants, first year $936, annual increase $48, maximum	1032 00
Teachers assigned to Disciplinary Classes, per month, in addition to the regular salary of their rank	8 00

Supervisor of Substitutes.

Supervisor of Substitutes, first year $2580, annual increase $120, maximum	$3180 00

2. ORDERED, That the compensation of substitutes and of temporary teachers be fixed for the year ending August 31, 1908, at the following rates for each day of actual service,—one session days being reckoned as full days:—

Masters and Junior-Masters, Normal, Latin and High Schools	$5 00
Instructors, Normal, Latin and High Schools	4 00
First Assistants, Normal School	4 00
Assistants, Normal School	4 00
First Assistants, Latin and High Schools	3 00
Assistants, Latin and High Schools	3 00
Assistant Instructors, Normal, Latin and High Schools	2 00
Special Instructors, Latin and High Schools	4 00
Special Assistant Instructors, Latin and High Schools	2 00
Special Assistants, Latin and High Schools	2 00
Sub-Masters	4 00
Masters' Assistants, First Assistants, and Assistants in Charge	3 00
Assistants, Elementary Schools	2 00
First Assistants, Kindergartens	1 75
Assistants, Kindergartens	1 50
Instructors, Cookery, Sewing and Woodworking	2 00

and that the compensation of substitutes and of temporary teachers of other ranks than those enumerated herein shall be one four-hundredth part of the minimum salary of the respective ranks for each day of actual service.

3. ORDERED, That the special assistant instructors in drawing in the Dorchester, Roxbury, South Boston and West Roxbury High Schools shall continue on their present salary until the fifth anniversary of their respective appointments, when they shall be placed upon the sixth year of the new schedule; viz., $1260, and continue to advance until the maximum of the rank is reached.

4. ORDERED, That those assistants to the director in drawing who are now re-

ceiving a salary of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) per annum be placed upon the maximum salary of the new schedule for said position; viz., $1500 per annum on Sept. 1, 1907.

5. ORDERED, That those instructors in manual training elementary schools who are now receiving a salary of twelve hundred dollars ($1200) per annum be placed upon the maximum salary of the new schedule for said position; viz., $1200 per annum on Sept. 1, 1907.

6. ORDERED, That the salary of Marion W. Clark, assistant, Roxbury High School, be fixed at the rate of $1200 per annum until the fourth anniversary of her appointment, when she shall be advanced to the fifth year of service in her rank, and continue to advance until the maximum is reached.

7. ORDERED, That for the year ending August 31, 1908, those instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School who are required by the daily program to perform extra service outside of the regular school hours, be paid, in addition to the regular salaries of their respective ranks, at the rate of two dollars ($2) for each recitation period of extra service, with the exception of the teachers of shop work, who shall be paid, in addition to their regular salaries, at the rate of three dollars ($3) for each shop period of extra service, and that the special assistants in mechanical department, be paid, in addition to their regular compensation, at the rate of fifty cents ($0.50) per day, during such part of the year as such daily program requiring extra service may be continued.

8. ORDERED, That teachers of sewing appointed before August 31, 1905, whose full time is not occupied, be paid for the number of divisions under their charge in accordance with the schedule hereinbefore contained until their full time shall be occupied, when they shall be placed upon the maximum salary of the schedule adopted for teachers of sewing appointed after that date, and continue thereon as long as their full time is occupied.

9. ORDERED, That for the year ending August 31, 1908, any teacher who may be designated by the Superintendent in accordance with the regulations to fill a vacancy caused by the death or disability of a principal of a school or district or of a director or head of a special department for a continuous period exceeding two weeks, shall receive, in addition to his or her regular salary, one-half of the difference between the said salary and the minimum salary of the higher position, during the time of such service, but not including the summer vacation. Teachers who may similarly be designated to fill the positions of sub-master, master's assistant, or first assistant in elementary schools, shall be paid at the rate of eight dollars ($8) per month in addition to the regular salary of their rank.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, all of the foregoing orders, Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive, establishing the salaries of teachers for the year ending Aug. 31, 1908, were collectively passed.

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JOHNSTON & SPENCER'S IRELAND'S STORY.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That Johnston & Spencer's Ireland's Story be and hereby is added to the list of authorized supplementary books in all the schools.

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EXPENDITURE FOR POSTAGE, HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the principals of schools and districts are hereby authorized to include in their requisitions postage not exceeding in the case of high schools twenty-five dollars ($25) per annum, and in the case of elementary schools ten dollars ($10) per annum.

LECTURES ON COOKING IN BOSTON SCHOOLS DURING OLD HOME WEEK.

A communication was received from Marion A. MacBride, Chairman, Domestic Science Work for Old Home Week, under date of June 24, 1907, requesting that the Committee arrange to have a fifteen minutes' talk on cooking in the public schools every afternoon during Old Home Week in the Mechanic's Building.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent with full powers.

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ANNUAL APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS.

The Board took up the following annual appointment of a teacher, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, as submitted by the Superintendent, and laid over at the meeting of June 3:—

To Serve During the Pleasure of the School Committee.

Physical Training—Gordon Trowbridge, assistant director.

The appointment was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

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RANK OF GORDON TROWBRIDGE AND OF NATHANIEL J. YOUNG.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That beginning with Sept. 1, 1907, the rank of Gordon Trowbridge, assistant director of physical training, be made that of assistant director of physical training and athletics, and that he be placed upon the second year of the salary of his rank.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That beginning Sept. 1, 1907, the rank of Nathaniel J. Young, assistant director of physical training, be made that of assistant director of physical training and athletics, and that he be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, that part of the order offered by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of Apr. 8, amending sect. 292, par. 4, of the regulations, with reference to the number and rank of teachers in elementary school districts (see p. 45), was placed on file.

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Mr. Brock in the chair.

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PARKMAN AND DRAKE SCHOOL-HOUSES TO BE OCCUPIED BY BOTH SEXES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the order offered by the Superintendent at the last meeting, requesting the Schoolhouse Commission to make changes during the summer months, in the sanitary arrangements in the Parkman and Drake School-houses, in order that these schools may be used by both boys and girls, was taken from the table, and passed.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 5:40 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Sept. 5, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members except Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the meetings of June 25 and 29 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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APPOINTMENT OF JANITORS.

William R. F. Whelan, President of Local Union No. 16, International Union of Steam Engineers, appeared with regard to the appointment of a janitor for the Normal group of buildings, and requested that a member of that union be appointed to the position; also that in the appointment of janitors who are required to hold an engineer's license, preference be given to men holding regular class licenses.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:

Public Latin School—James E. Downey, junior-master, Sept. 11, 1907; Cora W. Taylor, special assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Brighton High School—Bernadette M. White, special assistant, Sept. 11, 1907.

Girls' High School—M. Medora Adams, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

High School of Commerce—Joel Hatheway, junior-master, head of the department of modern languages, Sept. 11, 1907.

Mechanics Arts High School—Herbert S. Weaver, master, head of the department of history, Sept. 1, 1907; Philip Goodrich, instructor, Sept. 11, 1907.

Roxbury High School—Josephine Hammond, assistant; Georgiana V. Walt, special assistant, Sept. 11, 1907.

Agassiz District—Maud L. Parker, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Bennett District—Owen D. Evans, submaster, Sept. 11, 1907.

Eliot District—Rose M. McCarthy, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Everett District—Minna L. Wentworth, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Harvard District—Marcella C. Coyle, first assistant in charge, Sept. 1, 1907.

Hugh O'Brien District—Ermina C. Leach, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Phillips Brooks District—Thomas J. Sheahan, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907.

Prescott District—Jessie A. Shaw, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Quincy District—Harriette G. Gilmore, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

William E. Russell District—Elinor C. Hibbard, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Drawing—Margaret J. Patterson, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907.

Manual Training—George F. Hatch, instructor, Sept. 11, 1907; Fannie B. Prince, assistant instructor, Sept. 1, 1907.

Accepted.

RETIREMENTS.

The following retirements of teachers, because of marriage, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, were reported by the Superintendent:

Charles Summer District—Fannie P. Walker, assistant, kindergarten.

Phillips Brooks District—S. Theodosia Folsom, assistant.

Placed on file.

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The following appointments and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

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DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND ATHLETICS.

Physical Training and Athletics—Thomas F. Harrington, director, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over.

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Mechanic Arts High School—Joseph H. Allen; Charles A. Armstrong; Francis J. Emery; Chester A. Norwood; Joseph A. Tosi; John F. Warren, Jr.; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Girls' Latin School—Mary R. Stark, assistant instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Mechanic Arts High School—Josephine D. Brooks, assistant instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bowdoin District—Ambrosine Salsbury, assistant in charge of special class, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Harvard District—Philo G. Noon, submaster, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Prince District—Helen M. Cobb, assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Cookery—Mary E. Kinsley, Mary A. Tilton, teachers, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Drawing—Helen E. Cleaves, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Manual Training—Helen M. Ekstrom, assistant instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907; Marie E. Ruegnitz, assistant instructor, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Sewing—Kate Farlin, Katharine E. Flanagan, Annie L. Killion, Margaret G. Moore, teachers; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over.

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(By Promotion.)

High School of Commerce—Oscar C. Gallagher, master, head of the department of English, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Mechanic Arts High School—Charles L. Reed, master, head of the department of history; Harriet E. Bird, first assistant, head of the department of modern languages; Josephine M. Curry, assistant instructor; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over.

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Supervising Nurse—Margaret E. Carley, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over.

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(From the Eligible List.)

Assistant Nurses—Sarah M. Cahoon, Mary Callaghan, Mary E. Canarie, Elizabeth R. R. Card, Edith S. Cooke, Miriam H. Crowell, Mary A. Didham, Jennie R. Dix, Mary S. Doherty, Annie I. Hollings, Mabel A. Hunter, Ellen C. MacAdam, Mary Martin, Helen F. McCaffrey, Katherine A. Moynihan, Katherine O'Callaghan, Sadie

G. Reynolds, Emily A. Snow, Alice M. Sweeney, Alma Taylor; from Sept. 11, 1907.
Laid over.

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TRANSFERS.

Girls' High School—Rosalie Y. Abbot, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Girls' Latin School, from Sept. 1, 1907. Clara A. Hawthorne, special assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Girls' Latin School, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Gilbert Stuart District—Mary E. Harris, assistant, to the same position in the Oliver Hazard Perry District, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Shurtleff District—Sarah T. Driscoll, assistant, to the same position in the William E. Russell District, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

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VACATION SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

Assistants.

Anne M. Coveney, Harriet L. Dahl, Catherine A. Hogan, Eleanor F. Morris, Julia R. O'Brien, Lena H. Romberg, Grace H. Stack, Gertrude E. Welch, James G. Wolff.

Matron.

Elizabeth F. Doherty.

Head of Playground.

Margaret M. O'Brien.

Assistants in Playgrounds.

Mary A. Brady, Grace G. Colman, Nina M. Doanan, Elizabeth A. Donahue, Alice M. Duston, Gertrude M. Glynn, Annie E. McWilliams, Marion Nalherseg, Alice M. Riley, Lena H. Romberg.
Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—
Dwight District—Georgie M. Clarke, assistant, June 21, 1907, one day.
Horace Mann School—Mabel E. Adams, assistant, Sept. 16, 1907, one day.
Longfellow District—L. Idalia Provan, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 22, 1907.
Prescott District—Jessie A. Shaw, assistant, from June 3 until July 1, 1907.
Sherwin District—Caroline E. Josselyn, first assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 11, 1908.
Wells District—Laura W. Cook, assistant, June 12, 1907, one-half day.

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APPROPRIATION FOR TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, EVENING SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, stating that he had received a detailed estimate from the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools of additional equipment of text-books and supplies not usually furnished to evening schools, recommending that an appropriation of $2800 be made for the purpose, and submitting the following order; also calling the attention of the Board to the fact that the reduction of the evening school term last spring caused a saving in salaries of more than the amount now asked for:

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ORDERED, That an expenditure of a sum not exceeding twenty-eight hundred dollars ($2800) be authorized for the purchase of evening school text-books and supplies not usually furnished.
The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock the order was laid on the table.

ALLOWANCE FOR PERISHABLE GOODS, SCHOOLS OF COOKERY.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, stating that the Supervisor of Household Science and Arts had reported that the allowance of ten dollars per month for perishable goods in the schools of cookery is insufficient, recommending that this allowance be increased to twelve dollars per month, and submitting the following order:

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ORDERED, That the expenditure of a sum not exceeding twelve dollars ($12) per month for each school of cookery, for perishable goods, is hereby authorized for the school year 1907-08.
The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the order was laid on the table.

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TUITION OF CHILDREN IN PRINCE DISTRICT ATTENDING BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized to permit children in the kindergarten or the first three grades of the public schools, residing in that portion of the Prince District lying west of Deerfield street, to attend school in the town of Brookline, the city of Boston to pay tuition for such attendance.

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HIGH SCHOOL, SPECIAL, CERTIFICATE TO CLARA A. J. SMITH.

The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents is hereby authorized to issue a high school certificate, special, to Clara A. J. Smith, now holding the position of clerk in the Normal School.
Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was:
ORDERED, That the appointment of a clerk in the office of the Superintendent, for the purpose of rendering assistance to the directors and supervisors whose offices are in the School Committee Building, is hereby authorized.

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EXPENDITURE FOR MATERIAL FOR USE IN EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the order passed June 18, 1907, "That the Superintendent be authorized to print one thousand copies of material suitable for use in the evening elementary schools, the expenditure therefor not to exceed the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125)," is hereby rescinded.

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On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent is authorized to print one thousand copies of material suitable for use in the evening elementary schools, the expenditure therefor not to exceed the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars ($235).

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PAYMENT TO CATHERINE BRESNAHAN.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the sum of twenty dol-

lars ($20) be paid Catherine Bresnahan for services rendered in the vacation schools during the season of 1907.

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PAYMENT TO ALICE M. CHRISTIANSEN.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the sum of four dollars ($4) be paid Alice M. Christiansen for services rendered in the vacation schools during the season of 1907.

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TEMPORARY MESSENGER.

A communication was received from the Auditor, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, submitting for approval the appointment of William F. Butler as temporary messenger, at a salary of twenty-five dollars ($25) per month, to date from Aug. 19, 1907, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation on Aug. 17 of Joseph I. Whalen, who was appointed June 18, 1907.
Placed on file, and the appointment at the salary stated approved.

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RESIGNATION OF A JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, enclosing the resignation of Willard Hawes, janitor of the Adams-street and Portable No. 1 School-houses, to take effect Aug. 10, 1907.
Placed on file, and the resignation accepted.

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JANITORSHIP, ADAMS-STREET AND PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, recommending the transfer of Asa Hawes, janitor of the Gilbert Stuart and Mt. Vernon-street School-houses, from the latter building to the vacancy in the janitorship of the Adams-street and Portable School-houses, caused by the resignation of Willard Hawes, said transfer to date from Sept. 9, 1907.
Laid over.

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JANITORSHIP, ATHERTON SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, stating that the leave of absence granted Thomas Shattuck, janitor of the Atherton School-house, on Feb. 18, 1907, for a period of six months, has expired, and recommending that the vacancy be filled by the promotion of a janitor already in the service.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Atherton School-house, and recommending the appointment of Thomas Buckley, who stands at the head of the list, to the position, to date from Sept. 9, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the transfer of Thomas Buckley to said position was approved from the date stated.

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JANITORSHIP, LYCEUM HALL BUILDING.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Patrick H. Brennan as janitor of the Lyceum Hall Building, to date from Sept. 9, 1907, was approved, said building being immediately adjacent to the Old Mather School-house, which is now in the charge of the same janitor.

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TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT, PATRICK J. RIORDAN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, stating that because of the discontinuance of the use of the Chauncy Hall Building by the Girls' Latin School, it becomes necessary to find a position for Patrick J. Riordan, janitor of that building, who is at present temporarily in charge of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts building, and assisting in caring for the books, etc., being placed in the new Normal School Group.
Placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, NEW NORMAL SCHOOL GROUP.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the new Normal School Group of buildings.
Laid over.

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PAYMENT TO GEORGE F. WHEELER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, recommending the payment of $98 to George F. Wheeler, temporary substitute janitor, for services rendered by him as janitor of the Emerson and Portable School-houses, from July 1 to Aug. 31, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to George F. Wheeler, temporary substitute janitor, the sum of ninety-eight dollars ($98) for services rendered in the Emerson and Portable School-houses, from July 1 to Aug. 31, 1907, inclusive.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from June 30 to Sept. 5, 1907.
Placed on file.

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JANITORS HAVING CHARGE OF MORE THAN ONE BUILDING.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Schoolhouse Custodian was instructed to report to the Board a list of janitors having charge of more than one building.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO JANITORS ATTENDING NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R., AT SARATOGA.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED, That leave of absence, without loss of pay, be granted janitors of school buildings who may desire to attend the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Saratoga during the week of Sept. 9-13, 1907; provided, that such janitors furnish substitutes satisfactory to the Schoolhouse Custodian to perform their duties during such period without expense to the city.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY ACCESSIBLE TO BOSTON TEACHERS.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent be requested to appoint a committee of teachers to investigate the opportunities of study accessible to Boston teachers, having specially in mind courses in evening and summer schools of such nature that teachers who so desire may obtain credit sufficient to enable them to complete a college course in a sabbatical year.

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MATRONS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED That the Board of Superintendents be requested to investigate and report upon the advisability of appointing matrons for the new high school buildings to be occupied during the ensuing school year, and also for evening high schools.

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AMENDMENT OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED, That the minutes of May 27 be amended on page 75 so that the certificate designated VII shall include certificates designated VIII, XIII, XV.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

Mr. William S. Kenny offered the following:
ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:
Sect. 22. Strike out the section, and substitute in place thereof the following:
Sect. 22. No rule or regulation of the Board shall be suspended except by the affirmative vote of four members.
Laid over.

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Mr. Brock offered the following:
ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:
Sect. 145, paragraph 4. Strike out the paragraph and substitute in place thereof the following:
4. The names of persons appointed as substitutes, as temporary teachers, as special assistants in elementary schools, or as teachers in evening or vacation schools, shall not be removed from their respective eligible lists because of such appointment.
Laid over.

PIANO, GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL.

The Chairman presented a communication from James M. McLaughlin, Director of Music, under date of Sept. 5, 1907, enclosing a communication from John Tetlow, Headmaster of the Girls' Latin School, with reference to furnishing a piano for that school.
Referred to the Superintendent.

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COURSES, EVENING HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents consider and report as to the advisability and feasibility of introducing more commercial and industrial courses in the evening high and elementary schools.

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRANCE TO BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Florence Bailey, M. D., under date of Sept. 5, 1907, applying for permission to enter the Boston Normal School as a pupil.
Referred to the Board of Superintendents.

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ELIGIBILITY OF ANNA M. HENDERSON FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NURSES.

The Chairman presented a communication from Anna M. Henderson, with accompanying papers, relating to her eligibility for admission to the recent examination held for school nurses.
Referred to the Board of Superintendents.

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PAYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES, EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools and the Business Agent formulate and report to this Board a method for the payment of substitutes in the evening schools which shall make each such payment a matter of certified record.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 9:25 o'clock P.M.
Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee

Sept. 9, 1907.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members except Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPOINTMENT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 9, 1907, withdrawing the appointment on probation of Mary A. Tilton as teacher of cookery, she having declined to accept the appointment.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:

High School of Commerce—Henry W. Holmes, junior-master, head of the department of English, Sept. 1, 1907; master, head of the department of English, Sept. 11, 1907.

Dearborn District—Lizzie M. Hersey, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Accepted.

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RETIREMENT.

The following retirement of a teacher, because of marriage, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, was reported by the Superintendent:

Lyman District—Mary A. Clark, assistant.

Placed on file.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bowditch District—Jessie C. Davidson, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lowell District—Eva M. Cotton; Edith M. Snow; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lyman District—Agnes M. Mahoney; Alice D. Murley; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Robert G. Shaw District—Rita G. Baker; Mabel V. Mulrey; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Florence J. Preston; Bertha C. Quinnam; Anna L. Sullivan; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Public Latin School—Ethel A. Owen, special assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Girls' High School—Francis A. Smith, junior-master, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Roxbury High School—Alice C. Riordan, special assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Blackinton District—Mabel A. C. Anderson, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bowditch District—Margaret G. Wilder, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Brimmer District—Mary M. McLaughlin, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Franklin District—Sara E. L'Orage, assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—Verna G. Pitt, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Harvard District—Pauline M. Garey, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lowell District—Mary Crampton, assistant; Ruth Dasey, Sarah H. Pratt, assistants, kindergarten; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Cookery—Mary A. Geary, teacher, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over.

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(By Promotion.)

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—William H. Godfrey, master, head of the department of science, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Franklin District—Martha L. Eaton, first assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Laid over.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Physical Training and Athletics—John D. O'Reilly, instructor in athletics.

Special Classes—Arthur C. Jelly, medical inspector.

Substitutes—Mary C. Mellyn, supervisor.

Approved.

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TRANSFER.

Lyman District—Lilian C. Burbank, assistant, to the same position in the Wells District, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

Gertrude A. A'Hearn, Greta Allen, Frances M. Bell, Caroline B. Besarick, Alma Boodro, Anna C. Bosfield, Anna E. Burke, Mabel A. Campbell, Helen T. Carmody, Dorothy M. Carney, Rebecca E. Carson, Anna A. Cassidy, Grace M. Cavanagh, Helen T. Chaplin, Emily L. Clark, Frank R. Clark, Isabel E. Clark, Winifred V. Cobb, Katharine L. Colbert, Imogene J. M. Conland, Margaret A. F. Cotter, Theresa M. Cotter, Eva M. Cotton, James A. Crowley, Margaret F. Cummings, Harriet M. Cutler, Jessie C. Davidson, Bertha E. Davis, Ava B. Dawson, Susie C. DeFerrari, Annie E. Dennis, Alice M. Dicker, Emma F. Ditchett, Frances G. Dixon, Charlotte E. Dogherty, Helena M. Doherty, Helen M. Donohue, Margaret M. Downing, Mary F. Driscoll, Rose M. Driscoll, Effie L. Evans, Sara G. Fay, A. Teresa Fennelly, Anna E. Fiske, Louise M. Fitzpatrick, Alice M. Flanagan, Frances M. Flanagan, Margaret R. Flanagan, Helena M. Flynn, Florence M. Fogarty, Louise M. Foss, Mary A. Fouhy, Clara H. Franke, Evelyn A. Gammons, Elizabeth A. Garrity, Hattie L. Gates, Ida M. Gilcrease, Gertrude M. Glynn, Matilda J. Graumann, Jennie M. Gray, Julia V. Guiney, Annie S. Hagarty, Grace R. Hallet, Katherine T. Hannon, Regina M. Hart, May Harty, Margaret G. Hatch, Caroline M. Hauck, Mary A. A. Haverty, Mary M. Hayes, Alice Healy, Mabel A. Hebb, Annie I. Heffernan, Annie V. Hogan, Lilian Hooper, Teresa C. Hoye, Katherine E. Hurley, Natalie Irving, Mary A. G. Jones, Mary E. Jones, Clara M. Jordan, Elizabeth L. Keefe, Mary L. Keefe, Catherine G. Kelleher, Vincent L. Kelley, Alice L. Kelly, Margaret R. Kenneally, Mary G. Kenney, Annie L. Killion, Harriet E. Kingsbury, Blanche F. Kingsley, Avis A. Kingston, Grace E. Lalley, Marguerite F. Lally, Frances C. Lamb, E. Cecilia Mackin, Christine W. MacLachlan, Jennie G. Maguire, Cecilia V. Mara, Gertrude L. McCormick, Elizabeth M. McDermott, Hannah E. McDonough, Martha F. McElroy, Margaret E. McMahon, Alice E. McMurrough, Katherine McNamara, Mary E. McPherson, Anna M. Meyer, Eleanor F. Morris, Mary A. Mullin, Mary A. Mulvey, Elizabeth J. Murphy, Theresa C. Murray, Adelaide G. Nelson, Eva M. Neth, Lillian G. Norris, Adeline M. Norton, Anna T. O'Brien, Clara J. O'Brien, Margaret M. O'Brien, Mau-

rice J. O'Brien, Margaret M. O'Connor, Mary F. O'Neil, Mary J. O'Neil, Mary V. O'Regan, Hortense J. Parker, Bertha A. Perkins, Oscar H. Peters, Mary F. Powers, Elizabeth M. Quigley, Bertha C. Quinnam, Grace M. Quirk, Lillie M. Redfern, Florence Rice, John C. Riley, Florence C. Ritchie, Lena H. Romberg, Alice M. Russell, Garretta K. Seger, Claire F. Shanahan, Nellie F. Sheehan, Mary T. Sherry, Rebecca F. Silbert, Eva H. Simmons, Nellie I. Simpson, Ethel F. Smith, Ethel W. Smith, Mary E. Smith (1899), Mary E. Smith (1906), Sarah Smith, Edith M. Snow, Gertrude Stahl, Margaret Stedman, Gertrude P. Stephan, Alice M. Sweeney, Eileene R. Tewksbury, Grace A. Tully, Caroline G. Tunis, Edward L. Underwood, Irene M. Walsh, Walter B. Waterman, Annie C. Webber, Gertrude E. Welch, A. Olive Wigley, Alice L. Williams, Henry L. Withee, Annie Wynne.

Approved.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Dorchester High School—Mabel M. Taylor, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907.

Longfellow District—Adalyn P. Henderson, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Elizabeth C. Banker, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 2, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher, for the term specified, without pay:—

Bowdoin District—Annetta F. Armes, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 28, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher, on half-pay, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908, and her resignation accepted to take effect on the latter date:—

Thomas Gardner District—Clara B. Hooker, assistant.

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TELEPHONE, GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor enter into a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to equip the new Girls' Latin School on the Fenway with a telephone in the four-party line coin box service, without guarantee except for tolls.

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TEACHERS OF COOKERY, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That such teachers of cookery in the elementary schools as the Superintendent may designate, are hereby authorized to give instruction in cookery in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, during the school year 1907-08.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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CERTIFIED AREAS, NEW CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 9, 1907, submitting a certified statement of the areas of the new Charlestown High School-house, upon which the salary of the janitor of said building is to be based.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Chairman was authorized to approve the aforesaid certification to take effect Aug. 1, 1907.

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JANITORSHIP, ADAMS-STREET AND PORTABLE NO. 1 SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 9, 1907, stating that he had received but one application for transfer to the janitorship of the Adams-street and Portable No. 1 School-houses, which was from Asa C. Hawes, janitor of the Gilbert Stuart and Mt. Vernon-street School-houses, who desires to be transferred from the latter building, and recommending that the transfer be made to date from Sept. 16, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the transfer of Asa C. Hawes as aforesaid was approved from the date specified.

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On motion of the same member, the communication received from the Schoolhouse Custodian at the previous meeting, relating to the same matter, was placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, MT. VERNON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 9, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Mt. Vernon-street School-house, and recommending the appointment of John D. Devine janitor of the Old Horace Mann schoolhouse, who stands at the head of said list, to the position, to date from Sept. 16, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the transfer of John D. Devine to said position was approved from the date stated.

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JANITORSHIP, OLD DEARBORN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 9, 1907, stating that by reason of the Patrick A. Collins School not being ready for occupancy by the High School of Commerce, it is necessary for that school to occupy part of the Old Dearborn Schoolhouse, and recommending that Edward A. Moore, janitor of the Dearborn Schoolhouse, be placed in charge of this building during such occupancy, at a salary of $600 per annum, being the regular schedule rate, the appointment to date from Sept. 10, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the appointment as recommended by the Schoolhouse Custodian was approved.

On motion of the same member, it was

ORDERED, That the salary of the janitor of the Old Dearborn School-house be fixed at the rate of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum, to date from Sept. 10, 1907, and to continue during the temporary occupancy of that building by the High School of Commerce.

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JANITORSHIP, WALNUT-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 9, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Walnut-street School-house, and recommending the appointment of Andrew J. Dole, janitor of the Way-street School-house, who stands at the head of said list, to the position, to date from Sept. 16, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the transfer of Andrew J. Dole to said position was approved from the date stated.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The order offered by Mr. William S. Kenny, and laid over at the last meeting, amending Section 22 of the rules, was passed.

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The order offered by Mr. Brock, and laid over at the last meeting, amending Section 145, paragraph 4, of the rules, was passed.

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The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That Section 139 of the rules be amended in the paragraph relating to the certificate designated as "XI. Special", by inserting the word "day" before the word "high" in the sentence reading: "For certificates in special studies valid in high schools; evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine."
Laid over.

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SALARY OF NELLIE M. CRONIN.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED, That the salary of Nellie M. Cronin, assistant in the office of the Secretary, be established at the rate of one thousand eight dollars ($1008) per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, and until otherwise ordered.

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INSTRUCTION IN MILITARY DRILL TO INCLUDE OTHER ATHLETIC EXERCISES.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED, That the Director of Physical Training and Athletics, the Instructor of Military Drill, the Commander of Boston Harbor, the Commandant at the Charlestown Navy Yard, the Inspector General of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and such other military officers as they may consider desirable to add to their number, be invited to advise this Board whether it would not be better, physically and mentally, as well as from a military point of view, for the school companies to add to the manual drill now prescribed for the annual school competition, such additional tests as swimming, scaling walls, bridge building, rifle practice, and other exercises of a like character, tending to encourage individual initiative and improved physical condition.

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RESIGNATION OF BUSINESS AGENT.

The following communication was received:

Rooms of the School Committee,
Mason St., September 9, 1907.

To the School Committee,—
Gentlemen:
I hereby tender by resignation as Business Agent of your Committee and ask your acceptance of the same, to take effect at your early convenience.

I improve this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation of the uniformly courteous treatment which has been extended to me, and also of the earnest and careful consideration you have given to such suggestions as I have had the honor to present to you.
It is with much regret that I feel compelled, by a sense of personal duty, to leave work which is very attractive to me and associations which have been so pleasant.
I trust that my service with you, though short, may be judged to have been of some benefit to the Department and to the City.

Yours truly,
Wm. J. Smith.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Board proceeded to consider various appointments reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting, and acted thereon as follows:

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Physical Training and Athletics—Thomas F. Harrington, director, from Sept. 11, 1907.
On motion of Mr. Brock, the rules were suspended, and the appointment was approved by the following vote:
Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, William S. Kenny, Storrow—4.
Absent—Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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Appointments on Probation from the Eligible List. On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended, and the appointments, with the exception of that of Mary A. Tilton, teacher of cookery, which appointment had previously been withdrawn by the Superintendent, were approved.

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Appointments on Probation by Promotion. On motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended, and the appointments were approved.

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Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Ellis, the rules were suspended, and the appointments of assistant nurses were approved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board went into executive session.

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On motion of the same member, the doors were opened.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 11:15 o'clock P.M.
Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Sept. 23, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members except Mr. Ellis and Mr. Thomas J. Kenny.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the meetings of Sept. 5 and 9 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Board proceeded to consider various appointments reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting, and acted thereon as follows:

Appointments on Probation, both from the eligible list and by promotion.

Approved.

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Subsequently, the appointment of Margaret E. Carley as supervising nurse, to date from Sept. 11, 1907, and laid over at the meeting of Sept. 5, was approved.

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COMPLETION OF CHARLESTOWN HIGH, NORMAL, AND GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND ADDITION TO WINCHELL SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Sept. 12, 1907, reporting that the Charlestown High School Building, the Normal School Building, the Girls' Latin School Building, and the six-room addition to the Winchell School-house, have been completed, and were occupied for school purposes on Sept. 11, 1907.

Placed on file.

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AMENDMENT TO RULES.

The order offered by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting, amending section 139 of the rules in the paragraph relating to the certificate designated as "XI. Special," (see p. 119) passed.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

Dorchester High School—Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant, Jan. 1, 1908.

English High School—Margaret P. Tighe, special assistant, Oct. 1, 1907.

Girls' High School—Oscar C. Gallagher, junior-master, Sept. 11, 1907.

Mechanic Arts High School—Charles L. Reed, junior-master; Harriet E. Bird, assistant instructor; Josephine M. Curry, special assistant instructor; Sept. 11, 1907.

Blackinton District—Grace H. Mareman, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Eliot District—Clara A. Malloch, first assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 6, 1907.

Norcross District—Catherine H. Murphy, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—Ella F. Bent, assistant, Oct. 1, 1907.

Washington Allston District—Florence M. Homer, assistant, Sept. 3, 1907.

Cookery—Charlotte F. Clark, assistant, Sept. 1, 1907.

Manual Training—Marie E. Ruegnitz, assistant instructor, Oct. 1, 1907.

Nurse—Mary E. Canarie, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907.

Accepted.

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RETIREMENTS.

The following retirements of teachers, because of marriage, to date from Sept. 1, 1907, were reported by the Superintendent:

Martin District—Jane F. Gilligan, assistant.

Mary Hemenway District—Frances M. Campbell, Cecilia Coyle, assistants.

Placed on file.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Agassiz District—Katherine C. Brady, Sept. 11, 1907, one day; Emma A. Brust, Rosanna M. Dowd, Teresa A. Hurley, Margaret R. Kenneally, from Sept. 11, 1907; Mary V. Sullivan (special order), from Sept. 12, 1907.

Bennett District—Rena I. Black, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bigelow District—Mary F. Driscoll, Mary L. Moran, Mary L. Murphy, Catherine J. Sullivan, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Blackinton District—Helen L. Leahy, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bunker Hill District—Catherine A. Hogan, from Sept. 23, 1907; Frances G. Dixon, Sept. 11 and 12, 1907, one and one-half days.

Brimmer District—Helen E. Wray, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.

Chapman District—Marguerite V. Brickley, from Sept. 20, 1907.

Charles Sumner District—Alice M. Flanagan, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Comins District—Sarah G. Stowers, from Sept. 13 to 19, 1907, inclusive, five days.

Dearborn District—Josephine M. Haney, from Sept. 11, 1907; Katherine R. Murphy, from Sept. 11 to 16, 1907, inclusive, four days.

Dudley District—Alice G. Ryan, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Dwight District—Miriam J. Bronski, from Sept. 16, 1907.

Edward Everett District—Emma F. Ditchett, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Eliot District—Katherine E. Hurley, Mary V. O'Regan, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Emerson District—Esther M. Buchan, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Everett District—Ethel W. Smith, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Frothingham District—Bertha F. Dodge, Elizabeth J. Turnbull, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—Teresa C. Hoye, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Harvard District—Mary A. Starkey, from Sept. 11, 1907; Grace A. Tully, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, inclusive, three days; and from Sept. 23, 1907.

Henry L. Pierce District—Genevieve R. Dore, Frances L. Eager, Gertrude L. McCormick, from Sept. 11, 1907; Alice G. Haggerty, from Sept. 19, 1907.

Horace Mann School—Grace E. Maloney, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Hugh O'Brien District—Alice G. Haggerty, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days; Alice M. Murray, from Sept. 11 to 19, 1907, inclusive; Fannie W. Weeks, from Sept. 11 to 16, 1907, inclusive; Helen M. West, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Jefferson District—Nellie F. Sheehan, Sept. 11, 1907, one day.

Lawrence District—Joseph A. F. O'Neil, Margaret M. Sullivan, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lewis District—Dorothy M. Carney, from Sept. 19, 1907; Edward J. Muldoon, from Sept. 18, 1907; Elizabeth M. Quigley, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Lincoln District—E. Cecilia Mackin, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.
Longfellow District—Anna A. Cassidy, from Sept. 11, 1907; Mabel A. Hebb, from Sept. 15, 1907.
Lowell District—Annie E. Dennis, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Lyman District—Mary C. Carr, from Sept. 12, 1907; Mildred R. Kimball, from Sept. 17, 1907; Avis A. Kingston, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—James T. Donovan, Sara G. Fay, Eileene R. Tewksbury, from Sept. 11, 1907; A. Olive Wigley, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907; Frances A. Neilson, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.
Mather District—Mary E. McPherson, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days; M. Cecilia Power, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Minot District—Frances E. Kelly, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Norcross District—Jennie M. Gray, Margaret M. Kenney, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Elizabeth V. Doherty, Margaret L. Ryan, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Grace E. Brett, Anna M. Doherty, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907; Grace V. Walsh, from Sept. 11, 1907; Anna E. Burke, from Sept. 16, 1907; Florence Rice, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.
Phillips District—Deborah F. Barry, from Sept. 16, 1907.
Phillips Brooks District—Elleanor P. Cox, Martha L. Ireland, Mary G. Kenney, Henrietta L. Wallburg, from Sept. 11, 1907; Mary L. Fogarty, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Prescott District—Elizabeth L. Rogers, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Rice District—Alice M. Sweeney, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—Florence M. Murphy, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Sherwin District—Ella F. Murray, from Sept. 25, 1907; Mary E. Smith (1906), from Sept. 16, 1907.
Shurtleff District—Anna E. Murphy, from Sept. 17, 1907; Agnes T. Nolan, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.
Thomas Gardner District—Helen T. Carmody, Edna C. Farrington, from Sept. 11, 1907; Mary R. Quinn, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Washington District—Mildred Kallen, Minnie D. Penzanski, Katie Roud, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Washington Allston District—Elizabeth M. McDermott, from Sept. 16, 1907.
Wells District—Hazel P. Gore, Lena H. Romberg, from Sept. 11, 1907; Mabel A. Campbell, Ava B. Dawson, Anna Sansiper, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.
William E. Russell District—John C. Riley, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Winthrop District—Jessie C. Davidson, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

English High School—Harry E. Bryant, instructor, from Sept. 15, 1907.
Girls' High School—Vera W. Littlefield, assistant, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Mechanic Arts High School—Louis R. Wells, instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Lewis District—Clara E. Nixon, assistant, from Sept. 11 to 17, 1907, inclusive, five days.
Martin District—Maurice J. O'Brien, submaster, from Sept. 12, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Mary H. Leavey, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Nurse—Annie M. Walsh, assistant, from Sept. 17, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Girls' Latin School—Alice M. Smith, assistant instructor, from Oct. 9, 1907.
High School of Commerce—Newton D. Clark, instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Agassiz District—May C. O'Brien, assistant, third year, from Oct. 7, 1907.
Bowditch District—Eliza D. Bean, assistant, fourth year, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Charles Sumner District—Pauline F. Smith, assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Christopher Gibson District—Rosemary Purcell, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Eliot District—James A. Crowley, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
George Putnam District—Charlotte E. Dogherty, assistant, from Sept. 16, 1907.
Henry L. Pierce District—Annie I. Heffernan, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Hugh O'Brien District—Mary F. MacGoldrick, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Lyman District—Alice E. Steer, assistant, fourth year, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Martin District—Katharine R. McManus, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Mary E. Marron, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907; Annie Wynne, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1907.
Minot District—Evelyn A. Gammons, assistant, from Sept. 25, 1907.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Clara E. Nixon, assistant, from Sept. 18, 1907; Angela M. Pearce, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Rice District—Jane E. Monahan, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Cookery—Clara J. O'Brien, teacher, from Sept. 16, 1907.
Sewing—Marguerite S. King, teacher, from Sept. 16, 1907; Elizabeth L. Rogers, teacher, from Sept. 24, 1907.
Laid over.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Brighton High School—Ernest V. Page, junior-master, head of the department of business technique.
English High School—John E. J. Kelley, assistant instructor.
Hugh O'Brien District—Edwin I. Beal, sub-master.
Lewis District—Arthur L. Gould, submaster.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

Season of 1907-08.

Elementary Schools.

Bigelow, Maurice J. O'Brien; Bowdoin, W. Hector S. Kollmyer; Comins, Caspar Isham; Christopher Columbus, Alvin P. Wagg; Eliot, Walter Mooers; Franklin, Clarence P. Coburn; Hancock, Edward F. O'Dowd; Lincoln, William W. Howe; Lyman, John J. Sheehan; Quincy, Bertha Hazard; Phillips Brooks, James A. Treanor; Warren, James H. Leary; Washington Allston, William A. Reed; Wells, Charles E. Harris.

Drawing Schools.

Charlestown, Albert L. Ware; East Boston, Alexander Miller; Mechanic Arts High, George Jepson, with the rank of master; Roxbury, Charles L. Adams; Warren Avenue, George H. Bartlett, with the rank of master.
Laid over.

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TRANSFERS.

Roxbury High School—Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant, to the same position in the East Boston High School, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Agassiz District—Ethelyn C. Hallstrom, assistant, to the same position in the Lowell District, from Sept. 1, 1907; Elizabeth V. Mahoney, assistant, to the same position in the Prescott District, from Sept. 1, 1907.

Bunker Hill District—Josephine F. Hannon, assistant, to the same position in the Phillips Brooks District, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Lewis District—Grace M. Clark, assistant, to the same position in the Hyde District, from Sept. 1, 1907.
Thomas Gardner District—Eleanor L. Sullivan, assistant, to the same position in the Washington Allston District, from Sept. 23, 1907.
Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

Myrtle A. Adams, Theodora Ballou, Arthur C. Barrows, Deborah F. Barry, Annie M. Beer, Azniv Beshgeturian, Rena I. Black, Mabel S. Blackman, Susan M. Bradley, Katherine C. Brady, Mary L. Brennan, May E. Briggs, Miriam J. Bronski, Edith M. Brown, Emma A. Brust, Harry E. Bryant, Mary C. Burns, Ida M. Carliell, Georgiana Charleston, Ellen F. Coffin, Alice M. Colbert, Mary P. Colburn, Alice M. Conley, Helen M. Connelly, Rose A. Conry, Margaret L. Cosgrove, M. Louise Costello, Agnes G. Cotter, Mary G. Coyle, Samuel A. Cragin, Sibylla R. Crawford, Annette L. Crocker, Alice E. Cunningham, Madalene I. Curry, Hope Davison, Elizabeth V. Doherty, Ella M. Dolben, Elizabeth A. Donahue, Frederick W. Doring, Veronica E. Doyle, Agnes R. Driscoll, Teresa E. Driscoll, Nellie E. Dunne, William F. Eastwood, Helen F. Farrell, Julia M. Fitzpatrick, Mary E. Flynn, Mary L. Fogarty, Josephine Fokes, Mary A. Ford, Emma Foster, Adaline A. Gardner, Lucie M. Gardner, Rose J. Geggis, Alice F. Gleason, Mary M. Glennon, Hannah Greenberg, Lavina M. Grimes, Mary L. Guyton, Josephine M. Haney, Mary H. Healey, Elizabeth A. Hickey, Catherine A. Hogan, Mildred M. Hood, Mary C. Humphrey, Lucy F. Hunter, Teresa A. Hurley, Elizabeth Hutchings, Martha L. Ireland, Janet H. Jordan, Charlotte E. Joslin, Margaret M. Kenney, William Keyes, Marion E. Killion, Esther L. Kimball, Marguerite S. King, Sigrid T. Larson, Clara F. Laughlin, Mary H. Leavey, Florence R. LeBlanc, Theresa E. Leen, Vera W. Littlefield, Mary T. Lynch, Anna M. Magrath, Elizabeth H. Mahar, Winifred T. McCabe, Agnes McCloskey, Susie J. McCloskey, Helena McGinnis, Mary M. McLaughlin, Anna L. McMurry, Esther L. McNellis, Annie E. McWilliams, Josephine A. Merrick, Agnes C. Morris, Julia A. Murphy, Mary L. Murphy, Ella F. Murray, Agnes T. Nolan, Katherine G. O'Brion, Linda C. O'Dowd, Angela M. Pearce, Katherine E. Peard, Alice W. Peaslee, Minnie D. Penzanski, Adelaide F. Perry, Gertrude A. Power, M. Cecilia Power, Elizabeth L. Prendergast, Mary J. Quigley, William A. Reed, Alice M. Riley, Edna F. Scott, Margaret H. Sloane, Mary R. Stapleton, Catherine J. Sullivan, Eileene A Sweeney, Augusta S. Tavender, Teresa A. Tehan, Emma F. Temple, S. Gertrude Tighe, Annie R. Toye, Annie M. Trundy, Jennie A. Tyrrell, Hortense E. Wales, Grace V. Walsh, Eliza M. Warren, Mary S. Watkins, Fannie W. Weeks.
Approved.

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SUBSTITUTE NURSES.

Ellen M. Dwyer, Frances Z. Flannery, Agnes I. Quirk, Anna Regan, Annie M. Walsh.
Approved.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Agassiz District—(Frances Parkman Kindergarten), Leslie H. Somes, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Bowdoin District—(Sharp No. 1 Kindergarten), Ida L. Weiner, from Sept. 16, 1907; (Sharp No. 2 Kindergarten), Esther Michaels, from Sept. 12, 1907.
Dearborn District—(Aaron Davis Kindergarten), Bertha Hucksam, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Everett District—(West Concord-street Kindergarten), Mary F. Martin, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Franklin District—(Cook Kindergarten), Lulu E. Moore, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Gaston District—(Tuckerman Kindergarten), Edna Woods, from Sept. 11, 1907.
George Putnam District—(Ellis Mendell Kindergarten), Daisy Barrock, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Harvard District—(Harvard Hill Kindergarten), Nora Downey, from Sept. 11, 1907; (Common-street Kindergarten), Ellen Fox, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Hyde District—(Hyde Kindergarten), Emma S. Harris, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Lawrence District—(Parkman Kindergarten), Florence Nuttall, from Sept. 11, 1907; (Samuel G. Howe Kindergarten), Annie C. Adams, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Lowell District—(Wyman Kindergarten), Marie Andina, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—(Dorchester-avenue Kindergarten), Winifred J. Corkum, from Sept. 18, 1907.
Sherwin District—(Ruggles-street Kindergarten), Mary Reed, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Thomas N. Hart District—(Benjamin Dean Kindergarten), Elsie Hager, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Washington District—(Baldwin Kindergarten), Mary Castanza, from Sept. 11, 1907; (Washington Kindergarten), Julia F. Cody, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—
English High School—William H. Sylvester, master, Sept. 11 and 12, 1907, two days.
Girls' Latin School—Mary D. Davenport, assistant, from Sept. 23 until Nov. 1, 1907.
Bowditch District—Martha T. Howes, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907.
Bunker Hill District—Clara B. Brown, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 11, 1908.
Chapman District—Calista W. McLeod, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 1, 1907.
Dearborn District—Elizabeth W. O'Connell, assistant, from Sept. 17, 1907, until Jan. 17, 1908.
Dillaway District—Susan H. McKenna, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907, one day.
Dudley District—L. Adelaide Colligan, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908; Elizabeth F. Johnson, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 1, 1907.
Placed on file, and the transfer approved from the date specified.

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Franklin District—Abby A. Hayward, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907, one day; Ruth C. Higbee, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907, one day; Florence M. Stephens, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Nov. 30, 1907; Lillian Tishler, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.
Hancock District—Mary J. Murray, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 12, 1907; Julia E. Keith, assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 15, 1907.
Jefferson District—Ellen C. McDermott, assistant, Sept. 19 and 20, 1907, two days.
John A. Andrew District—Helen M. Waterman, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907.
Lyman District—Helen Harvie, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Ida K. McGiffert, first assistant in charge, Sept. 24 and 25, 1907, two days.

Warren District—Carrie F. Gammell, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 11, 1907; Sarah J. Taff, assistant, Sept. 19, 1907, one-half day.

Washington District—Frances Burnce, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day; Katherine L. Driscoll, assistant, Sept. 17, 1907, one day; Elizabeth M. Keefe, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.

Wells District—Teresa R. Flaherty, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one-half day.

Winthrop District—Anna M. Murray, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 1, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:

Franklin District—Abby A. Hayward, assistant, from Sept. 16, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of nineteen minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of one to be licensed to black boots.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF EVENING SCHOOLS, 1907-08.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That evening schools be established for the term of 1907-08, as follows:

High Schools.

Central School, in the English High School-house, Montgomery street; Charlestown School, in the Charlestown High School-house; East Boston School, in the East Boston High School-house; Roxbury School, in the Roxbury High School-house; South Boston School, in the South Boston High School-house.

Elementary Schools.

Bigelow School, in the Bigelow School-house; Bowdoin School, in the Bowdoin School-house; Christopher Columbus School, in the Christopher Columbus School-house; Comins School, in the Comins School-house; Eliot School, in the Eliot School-house; Franklin School, in the Franklin School-house; Hancock School, in the Hancock School-house; Lincoln School, in the Lincoln School-house; Lyman School, in the Lyman School-house; Phillips Brooks School, in the Phillips Brooks School-house; Quincy School, in the Quincy School-house; Warren School, in the Warren School-house; Washington Allston School, in the Washington Allston School-house, with a branch in the William Wirt Warren School-house; Wells School, in the Wells School-house.

Drawing Schools.

East Boston School, in the Old High School-house; Charlestown School, in the Old City Hall; Mechanic Arts School, in the Mechanic Arts High School-house; Roxbury School, in the Old Dearborn School-house; Warren Avenue School, in the Public Latin School-house.

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ADDITIONAL UNGRADED CLASS, LYMAN DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, reporting that he had established, subject to the approval of the Board, an additional ungraded class in the Lyman District, making three in all.

Approved, and the communication placed on file.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had appointed Elizabeth A. Clayton as an assistant in his office, to date from Sept. 16, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

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CARE OF TEETH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, with reference to the communication from Paul G. White, D.M.D., relative to the importance of having the teeth of children carefully inspected and treated for the prevention and cure of dental caries, referred to him at the meeting of June 10, stating that this question is one that would primarily belong to the department of physical training and athletics, that this department has been requested to give attention thereto, and that no further action by the School Committee is necessary.

Placed on file.

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EVENING SCHOOL, COMINS SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, with reference to the order of the City Council, concerning the establishment of an evening elementary school in the Comins School-house, referred to him at the meeting of June 29, stating that during the summer months the Comins School-house has been equipped with electric lighting, and that an order introduced at this meeting provides that an evening school be established in that building.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the City Council accordingly.

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TELEPHONE, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor enter into a contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to equip the new Girls' High School of Practical Arts on Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, with a telephone in the four-party line, coin box, service, without guarantee except for tolls.

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TELEPHONE, JAMES OTIS SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That a telephone be provided for the James Otis School, subject to the usual conditions.

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TELEPHONE, NORMAL SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report as to the necessity and advisability of the city continuing the expense of maintaining telephone service at the Normal School; and that he also report with regard to a suit-

able allowance being made to meet the expense to principals of telephone calls on school business.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, submitting the twenty-seventh annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, for the school year 1906-07, (School Document No. 13, 1907).
Placed on file.

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CERTIFICATE TO CLARA J. A. SMITH.

On motion of the Superintendent, the order passed Sept. 5, 1907, authorizing the Board of Superintendents to issue a high school certificate, special, to Clara J. A. Smith (see p. 114), was rescinded.

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On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Board of Superintendents is hereby authorized to issue a special certificate to Clara J. A. Smith, now holding the position of clerk in the Normal School, qualifying her for appointment to the position of special assistant, day high school.

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A CIVIC READER FOR THE NEW AMERICAN.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Secretary is hereby authorized to copyright in the name of the School Committee of the City of Boston "A Civic Reader for the New American," this being "the material suitable for use in evening elementary schools" for the publication of which provision was made at the meeting of the Board on Sept. 5, 1907, and that five hundred additional copies thereof be printed as a school document.

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AMENDMENT TO ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 20, 1907, reporting that it has amended School Document No. 9, 1907, Second List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers, as follows:
Page 17, Normal Elementary, Prior to 1907 (850), Helen T. Clayton, name removed by request.
Placed on file.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 20, 1907, with reference to the communication from Florence Bailey, M. D., applying for admission to the Boston Normal School, referred at the meeting of Sept. 5, reporting that in the opinion of said Board the work done by Miss Bailey, as set forth in her appended statement, is not equivalent to an academic degree, and that Miss Bailey is, therefore, ineligible for admission to the Normal School.
Placed on file.

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EXPENDITURE FOR PERISHABLE LABORATORY SUPPLIES, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 20, 1907, recommending that the expenditure of an amount not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25) be allowed the Girls' High School of Practical Arts for perishable supplies in the laboratories and incidental expenses, during the remainder of the current year.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the expenditure of an amount not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25) for perishable laboratory supplies and incidental expenses in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts during the remainder of the current year is hereby authorized.

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COURSE OF STUDY, NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 17, 1907, recommending the adoption of the accompanying course of study for the Normal School as a temporary course, pending further changes now under consideration by that Board:

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BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

Regular Course.

(Figures indicate number of periods per week.)

First Year.

First Term.		Second Term.	
Psychology	2	Psychology	3
English	5	English	4
Physiology and Hygiene	4	Mathematics	3
Mathematics	4	Elementary Science	3
Geography	3	Physical Training	2
Drawing and Manual Training	2	Drawing and Manual Training	2
Gymnastic Practice	2	Music	2
		Principles of Kindergarten	1
		Gymnastic Practice	2

Observation and Practice in Model School.

Second Year.

Twelve weeks of this year spent in practice in the schools.
The remainder of the year spent in study in the Normal School, as follows:

Twelve Weeks.		Twelve Weeks.	
Psychology	2	Principles of Education	3
Principles of Education	3	History of Education	2
English	3	English	4
Mathematics	3	School Hygiene	1
Geography	2	Geography	3
Elementary Science	3	History	3
Music	2	Elementary Science	2
Drawing and Manual Training	2	Drawing and Manual Training	2
Gymnastic Practice	2	Gymnastic Practice	2

Course for College Graduates.

One term spent in practice in the schools.
Two terms spent in study in the Normal School, as follows:

First Term.		Second Term.	
Principles of Education	3	Principles and History of Education	3
English	4	English	4
Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3
Physiology, Hygiene and Physical Training	3	Physiology, Hygiene and Physical Training	2
Geography	2	Geography	2
Elementary Science	2	Elementary Science	2
Drawing and Manual Training	3	Music	2
Gymnastic Practice	2	History	2
		Gymnastic Practice	2

Kindergarten Course.

The subjects studied in the first year are the same as those of the regular course. The second year is devoted chiefly to the

study of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, and includes:—

1. Principles of education, history of education, and school government.
2. Drawing, form and color, and music.
3. The Mother Play and Symbolic Education.
4. Gifts—theory and practice.
5. Occupations.
6. Songs and games.
7. Program making.
8. Story telling.
9. Observation and practice in the Kindergartens.

Laid over.

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SCHOOLS OF OBSERVATION FOR NORMAL SCHOOL PUPILS, AND SUPERVISOR OF PRACTICE.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, stating that said Board recognizes the fact that observation and practice of the art of teaching are of great value to pupils of the Boston Normal School, and desiring to make this phase of the school work as effective and practical as possible, submits the following recommendations:—

(1) That the Superintendent be directed to organize the Martin and Farragut Schools as schools of observation in connection with the Normal School.

(2) That the regulations be amended as follows:—

Sect. 306, renumber as 307; Sect. 307, renumber as 308.

Insert the following section:—

Sect. 306. There shall be a supervisor of practice.

Renumber Sections 417 to 421 inclusive respectively one number higher.

Insert the following section:—

Sect. 417. The supervisor of practice shall have immediate direction and supervision of the observation and practice work of pupils attending the Normal School, and shall perform such other duties as the superintendent may direct.

Laid over.

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COURSE OF STUDY IN SEWING AND COOKERY, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 20, 1907, recommending the adoption of an accompanying course of study in sewing and cookery in elementary schools as an addition to School Document No. 5, 1907, "Provisional Course of Study for the Elementary Schools."

Placed on file, and the accompanying course of study adopted.

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APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANTS, SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Communications were received from the Secretary, under dates of Sept. 18 and 23, 1907, reporting the resignations of the following assistants in his office: Ella F. Leave, from July 31, 1907; Florence M. Roche, from Aug. 31, 1907; and recommending the appointment of the following-named persons, who have been duly certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for such appointment, to fill the vacancies thus created: Agnes R. Hurley, from Sept. 16, 1907; Marie T. Corkery, from Sept. 25, 1907.

The resignations were accepted, and the appointments approved from the dates stated.

RESIGNATIONS OF JANITORS.

Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 21, 1907, enclosing the following resignations of janitors:

John A. Andrew Portable School-house No. 57—Alicia Fleming, from Sept. 18, 1907.

Mayhew Portable School-house No. 54—Christopher P. Curtis, from Sept. 16, 1907.

Rice Portable School-house No. 4—George W. Collings, from Sept. 19, 1907.

The communications were placed on file, and the resignations accepted.

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JANITORSHIP, W. L. P. BOARDMAN PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES NOS. 64 AND 80.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 14, 1907, stating that Portable Buildings Nos. 64 and 80, located in the yard of the W. L. P. Boardman School-house, have been reopened for school use, and recommending the appointment of James McNabb, janitor of the main building, as janitor of these portables, to date from Sept. 1, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment of James McNabb approved from the date specified.

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JANITORSHIP, EMERSON AND PORTABLE NO. 55 SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 21, 1907, stating that there is no regular janitor who desires to be considered for the vacancy in the janitorship of the Emerson and Portable No. 55 School-houses, and recommending that George F. Wheeler, temporary substitute janitor, who has been in charge of these buildings since June 10, 1907, be appointed to this position, to date from Sept. 1, 1907.

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COMPENSATION OF GEORGE L. CHESSMAN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, stating that in Sept., 1906, the appointment of George L. Chessman as janitor of the Edward Everett Portable School-house No. 19 was approved, but that the building was not occupied for school purposes until Sept. 1, 1907, during which interval Mr. Chessman has received no compensation, and recommending that his salary begin from the date last specified.

Approved, and the communication placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, OLD HORACE MANN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 21, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Old Horace Mann School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Edward Powers for a period of ten days or less, to date from Sept. 16, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 21, 1907, stating that the only applicant for transfer to the vacancy in the janitorship of the Old Horace Mann School-house is Callahan T. Hogan, janitor of the Cook School-house, and recommending that Mr. Hogan be transferred to this position, to date from Sept. 25, 1907.

Placed on file, and the transfer of Callahan T. Hogan approved from the date specified.

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JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Schoolhouse Custodian stated that there were no applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Cook School-house, and the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates eligible for such appointment.

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JANITORSHIP, WAY-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 21, 1907, stating that the only applicant for transfer to the vacancy in the janitorship of the Way-street School-house is Edward Sullivan, Jr., janitor of the Common-street School-house, and recommending that Mr. Sullivan be transferred to this position, to date from Sept. 25, 1907.

Placed on file, and the transfer of Edward Sullivan, Jr., approved from the date specified.

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JANITORS HAVING CHARGE OF MORE THAN ONE BUILDING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 21, 1907, in response to instructions of the Board at the meeting of Sept. 5, submitting a list of janitors having charge of more than one school building.

Laid on the table.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from Sept. 9 to 23, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO CHARLES E. FALES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, reporting the appointment of Charles E. Fales as temporary janitor of the Adams-street and Portable No. 1 School-houses for a period of ten days from Sept. 5 to 14, 1907, inclusive, and recommending the payment to him of the sum of $13 for such service.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Charles E. Fales the sum of thirteen dollars ($13) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Adams-street and Portable No. 1 School-houses, from Sept. 5 to 14, 1907, inclusive.

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EXPENDITURE FOR CLEANERS, NEW NORMAL AND GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, stating that he had found it necessary to employ several cleaners in the new Normal and Girls' Latin School-houses, from Sept. 11 to 21, 1907, inclusive, and recommending that they receive compensation at the rate of $.20 per hour.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to expend the sum of forty-four and 20-100 dollars ($44.20) for the services of cleaners employed under the direction of the Schoolhouse Custodian at the new Normal and Girls' Latin School-houses, from Sept. 11 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

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RECERTIFICATION OF AREAS, WINCHELL SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, submitting a recertification of the areas of the Winchell School-house, upon which the salary of the janitor of said building is to be based, in consequence of a change having been made in the heating apparatus of that school, and the construction of a six-room addition.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Chairman was authorized to approve the aforesaid recertification, to take effect Sept. 10, 1907.

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PAYMENT TO CHARLES A. NEUERT AND JAMES E. GANNON.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Charles A. Neuert the sum of one hundred dollars ($100), and to James E. Gannon the sum of fifty-five dollars ($55) for extra services rendered during July and August, 1907, in receiving and checking the weight of coal delivered to the various school-houses.

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PAYMENT TO MAURICE T. RILEY.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Maurice T. Riley the sum of thirty-six dollars ($36) for 18 days' services in August, 1907, checking the weight of coal delivered to various school-houses.

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APPROVAL OF PAY ROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the pay rolls and bills, both regular and special, for the month of September, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Storrow.

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EXPENDITURE FOR SUPPLEMENTARY READING, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the expenditure of the sum of fifty dollars ($50) for the purchase of supplementary reading for the High School of Commerce, and of twenty-five dollars ($25) for supplementary reading for the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, is hereby authorized.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

A petition was received from Genevieve E. Brett, under date of Sept. 23, 1907, for admission to the Boston Normal School.

Placed on file.

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

Applications were received from A. H. Park, Henry Taggard, Mrs. G. L. Walcott, John P. Tucker and Thomas S. and Isabelle B. Woods, that the city assume the cost of tuition in the Brookline schools of certain children residing in the Aberdeen District and in the westerly part of the Prince District.

Laid on the table.

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STUDY OF IRISH LANGUAGE. EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Patrick J. O'Daly, under date of Sept. 18, 1907, on behalf of various organizations, requesting the School Committee to establish the study of the Irish language in the evening high school.

On motion of Mr. Brock, referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of the same member, the doors were opened.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 11:26 P. M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Sept. 30, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the minutes of the last meeting were amended by transposing from page 123, under Leaves of Absence, the words "Placed on file, and the transfer approved from the date specified," to page 126, under Janitorship, Emerson and Portable No. 55 Schoolhouses.

On motion of the same member, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

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WITHDRAWAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, withdrawing the appointments of Caspar Isham as principal of the Comins Evening Elementary School, and of William W. Howe as principal of the Lincoln Evening Elementary School, they having declined to accept the same.

Placed on file.

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APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting.

The appointments were approved.

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The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of principals of evening schools for the term of 1907-08, as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointments of Caspar Isham as principal of the Comins Evening Elementary School and of William W. Howe as principal of the Lincoln Evening Elementary School, which appointments had been previously withdrawn.

The appointments, with the exceptions stated, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

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ACQUISITION OF LAND BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE SINCE JAN. 1, 1889.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,
September 21, 1907.

To the School Committee:—

Will you kindly furnish to this office as promptly as possible, a list of all land acquisitions made by your Department, whether by private treaty or by right of eminent domain, from January 1, 1889, to date. You will give the location of the land, the assessed value of the same, the price received by the owner, and whether settlement was made in court or by private agreement. If settlement was made in court, please report whether the settlement was arrived at by agreement of counsel, or whether it was a verdict by jury.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Secretary with instructions to prepare and transmit the desired information.

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SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES, SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,
September 27, 1907.

To the School Committee:

Please furnish to this office a list of the employees in the service of your Department whose salaries or wages have been increased since January 1, 1906. You will give the name of the employee in each case, his or her rating, the amount formerly paid and the amount now paid.

Respectfully,
John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Business Agent with instructions to prepare and transmit the desired information.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

East Boston High School—William H. Godfrey, junior-master, Sept. 11, 1907.

Brimmer District—Martha L. Eaton, assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 11, 1907.

Everett District—Clotilda A. Delany, assistant, kindergarten, Oct. 1, 1907.

Hyde District—Helen E. Cleaves, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907.

Minot District—Rose Dearborn, Helen S. Chapman, assistants, Sept. 30, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Adams District—Mary E. Lowder, Elizabeth J. Murphy, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bowdoin District—Hannah Greenberg, from Sept. 20, 1907.

Brimmer District—Margaret Stedman, kindergarten, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days; Hope Davison, kindergarten, from Sept. 30, 1907.

Comins District—Mary G. L. Quinlan, from Sept. 30, 1907.

Dwight District—Annie E. Dennis, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.

Eliot District—Mary J. O'Neil, from Sept. 11 to 30, 1907, inclusive; Katherine A. Daly, kindergarten, Sept. 19 and 20, 1907, two days; Natalie Irving, kindergarten, Sept. 23, 1907, one day.

Everett District—Rebecca E. Carson, from Sept. 11, 1907; Margaret Stedman, kindergarten, from Sept. 30, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—John C. Riley, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Martin District—Mary G. L. Quinlan, Mary R. Quinn, from Sept. 11, 1907; Florence M. Fogarty, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Quincy District — Azniv Beshgeturian, Julia V. Guiney, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Sherwin District—Mary E. Smith (1906), from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, three days.

Shurtleff District—Agnes T. Nolan, from Sept. 24, 1907.

Warren District—Esther L. McNellis, from Sept. 24, 1907.

Wells District—Dora L. Lourie, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

West Roxbury High School—Harriet M. Cutler, assistant, from Sept. 23, 1907.

Adams District—Theresa C. Murray, assistant, from Sept. 11 to 16, 1907, inclusive, four days.

Bowdoin District—Frances A. Neilson, assistant, from Sept. 24, 1907.

Manual Training—Mary T. Baker, assistant instructor, from Sept. 24, 1907.

Placed on file.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Eliot District—Alice M. Murray, Frances A. McMahan, assistants, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Lyman District—Agnes M. Mahoney, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907; Frances E. Donovan, assistant, fourth year, from Oct. 21, 1907.

Laid over.

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The following appointments required a suspension of the rules:

Public Latin School—Stacy B. Southworth, instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Charlestown High School—John W. Regan, assistant instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

East Boston High School—Alfred M. Butler, instructor, from Sept. 23, 1907.

English High School—Frank E. Lakey, instructor, from Oct. 8, 1907; Joseph P. Cady, assistant instructor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Girls' High School—Mary A. M. Papineau, assistant instructor, from Sept. 30, 1907.

Roxbury High School—Harriet C. Taylor, assistant instructor, from Sept. 23, 1907.

West Roxbury High School—M. Alice Jackson, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the foregoing appointments were approved under a suspension of the rules.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Blackinton District—Eliza L. Osgood, first assistant, kindergarten.

Lewis District—Alice O'Neil, master's assistant.

Wells District—Mary P. Corrigan, first assistant, kindergarten.

Manual Training—John C. Brodhead, assistant to the director in manual training; Florence O. Bean, Alice S. Bryant, assistant instructors.

Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Principals.

Central High School—Myron W. Richardson.

Charlestown High School—Peter F. Gartland.

East Boston High School—Albert S. Perkins.

Roxbury High School—William B. Snow.

South Boston High School—Edward P. O'Hara.

Comins School—W. Stanwood Field.

Lincoln School—John W. Lillis.

The rules were suspended, and the appointments were approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

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Central High School—Charles F. Abbott, William L. Anderson, William T. Atwood, Gardner P. Balch, James W. Blaisdell, William F. Boos, Oscar H. Bresee, Albert S. Briggs, John J. Cadigan, Francis M. Carroll, Frank O. Carpenter, Arthur L. Gould, Frederick E. Chapman, Clark, John M. Connolly, Frank M. Copeland, Frank B. Davis, Frederick W. Doring, Luther F. Elliott, William R. P. Emerson, Rollin H. Fisher, Ivory F. Frisbie, Frederic B. Hall, Ernest G. Hapgood, Harry K. Good, George B. Hayward, Guy E. Healey, Edwin A. Howes, Jr., Edgar E. Hulse, John M. Hussey, Frank E. Lakey, Charles P. Lebon, Jacob Lehmann, Harrison F. Lyman, Charles T. Marsh, William G. S. McIntyre, Samuel W. Mendum, John H. Moore, Henri Morand, Arthur B. Morong, Irving M. Norcross, Frank E. Poole, William F. Rice, William F. Roberts, William J. Sanders, Henry C. Shaw, Arthur T. Smith, Harry L. Thompson, Edwin H. Watson, Henry L. Withee, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Charlestown High School—Timothy J. Buckley, William B. Carpenter, Ervin W. Engler, Daniel Foley, Arthur Harrington, Laura A. C. Hughes, Theresa E. Leen, James M. Murdock, Charles H. D. Murphy, Charles E. Quirk, Eleanor Rogan, Llewellyn O. White, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

East Boston High School—Joel C. Bolan, Newton D. Clark, Francis J. Conlin, James B. Machugh, Edward J. Muldoon, Charles E. Simpson, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Roxbury High School—William L. Bates, Joseph P. Cady, Leon C. Colman, Jennie R. Dix, Hewitt G. Fletcher, Edward B. Hale, Vincent L. Kelley, Henry W. Kirmayer, Alice L. McManus, James W. Mudge, Leonard M. Patton, Camille Ried, William J. Sands, Allan L. Sedley, Thomas J. Sheahan, Charles H. Taylor, Edward L. Underwood, Georg von Wieren, Walter B. Waterman, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

South Boston High School—Boyd Bartlett, Edwin F. A. Benson, Joseph T. F. Burrell, John J. Cummings, Joseph B. Egan, Austin H. Fitz, Arthur J. Fotch, William A. Hoyt, Laura A. C. Hughes, Lucy F. Hunter, John E. J. Kelley, Theobald A. Lynch, Francis H. MacCarthy, Elmer E. Sherman, N. Perry Sipprelle, S. Gertrude Tighe, Thomas E. Winston, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Bigelow School—James A. Crowley, first assistant; Mary L. Brennan, Grace M. Cavanagh, Alice E. Cunningham, James T. Donovan, Margaret M. Downing, Agnes R. Driscoll, Francis J. Emery, Louise M. Fitzpatrick, Helena M. Flynn, Alice Healy, Martha L. Ireland, Mary E. Jones, Mary E. Keenan, Thomas E. Kelley, William T. Miller, Mary L. Moran, Eleanor F. Morris, Cora L. Mulrey, Mary L. Murphy, Gertrude A. Power, Mary T. Sherry, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Bowdoin School—Deborah F. Barry, Esther M. Buchan, Katharine L. Colbert, Rose A. Conry, Emily M. Desmond, Helena M. Doherty, Rosanna M. Dowd, Mary A. Fouhy, Julia V. Guiney, Anna J. Harmon, Catherine A. Hogan, Harriet E. Kingsbury, Christine W. MacLachlan, Eva M. Neth, Bertha M. Pitts, Alice M. Russell, Alice G. Ryan, Alice S. Small, Jennie A. Tyrrell, Gertrude E. Welch, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Christopher Columbus School—Samuel A. Cragin, first assistant; Grace G. Colman, Nina M. Doanan, Eleanor A. Larivee, Julia R. O'Brien, M. Grace Pinkham, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Comins School—John C. Riley, first assistant; Emma A. Brust, Georgiana Charleston, Mary A. A. Haverty, Catherine G. Kelleher, Sigrid T. Larson, Mary Maher, Grace E. Maloney, Annie E. McWilliams, Theresa C. Murray, Mary J. O'Neill, Lillie M. Redfern, Rebecca F. Silbert, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Eliot School—Katherine C. Brady, Helen M. Cleveland, Mary A. Connelly, Winifred V. Cobb, Margaret A. F. Cotter, Madalene I. Curry, Lillie J. Davis, Alice M. Deehan, Frances G. Dixon, Mary E. Fennelly, Alice M. Flanagan, Louise M. Foss, Mary G. Goldsbury, Margaret R. Kenneally, Annie Lynch, Ida A. Merriam, Katherine G. O'Brion, Bertha A. Pettee, Aloyse M. Owen,

Gertrude Stahl, Sarah G. Stowers, Margaret M. Sullivan, Fannie W. Weeks, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Franklin School—James Burrier, first assistant; Azniv Beshgeturian, Eunice T. Bancroft, L. Frances Crane, Charlotte M. Frost, Emma B. Huse, Mary A. G. Jones, Elizabeth H. Norman, Margaret M. O'Brien, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, May M. Stetson, Marian A. Suck, Annie M. Trundy, Harriet White, Mabel E. Woodworth, Sarah F. Woodworth, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Hancock School—Hugh J. McElaney, first assistant; Margaret A. M. Collins, Susie C. DeFerrari, Mary M. Gallivan, Regina M. Hart, Helen L. Leahy, Rena Lewis, Marie Morse, Adeline M. Norton, Margaret M. O'Connor, Linda C. O'Dowd, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Lincoln School—Vincent A. Keenan, first assistant; M. Louise Costello, Ellen M. Finnerty, Esther L. McNellis, Mary A. Mulvey, Katherine R. Murphy, Mary R. Stapleton, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Lyman School—John J. Maloney, first assistant; Emma L. Carroll, Mary E. Conlin, Elleanor P. Cox, Elizabeth A. Donahue, Nellie E. Dunne, Margaret R. Flanagan, Mary A. Ford, Josephine M. Hodgkinson, Frances E. Kelly, Mary E. Lowder, Mary V. O'Regan, Minnie D. Penzanski, Elizabeth L. Prendergast, Florence Rice, Mary A. Starkey, Catherine J. Sullivan, Eileene A. Sweeney, Arthur Williams, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Phillips Brooks School—Joseph A. F. O'Neil, first assistant; Elvira L. Austin, Mary F. Bowen, Dorothy M. Carney, Annie E. Dennis, Margaret G. Hatch, Cecilia V. Mara, Sarah Smith, Helen M. West, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Quincy School—Howard G. Kingman, first assistant; Imogene J. M. Conland, Joseph F. Gould, Hannah Greenberg, Mary P. Howland, Helena McGinnis, M. Cecilia Power, Elizabeth M. Quigley, Eva H. Simmons, Kate V. Tiernay, Calliope S. Vaitses, Jennie N. Whitcher, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Warren School—Stephen J. Murdock, first assistant; Mary T. Baker, Marguerite V. Brickley, Mary M. Hayes, Katherine E. Hurley, Anna M. Magrath, Mary J. O'Neil, Susan T. Rooney, Grace A. Tully, Elizabeth J. Turnbull, Elisabeth S. Webster, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Washington Allston School—Josephine W. Cowan, Mary G. Coyle, Florence M. Fogarty, Theresa F. Long, F. Maud MacLachlan, Julia F. Sawyer, Susan True, Lena B. Winter, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Wells School—Sidney E. Bailey, Mary E. Coveney, Sara G. Fay, David Fliegelman, Mabel A. Harris, Marie F. Hill, Mildred Kallen, Ellen T. O'Keefe, Clara A. Osgood, Anna T. O'Sullivan, Mary W. Perry, Katie Roud, Mary E. Smith, Mary V. Sullivan, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Drawing—Herbert W. Adams, Anna K. Blaisdell, Annie E. Blake, Stephen B. Boyd, William B. Bradford, James Brough, William F. Brown, Henry K. Burrison, J. Albert Cole, William P. Edwards, John L. Frisbee, Felix A. Gendrot, Joseph H. Hawes, Josiah P. Hayward, Charles E. Heil, Edward R. Kingsbury, Walter H. Naylor, Arthur E. Norton, Henry W. Poor, Charles W. Sawyer, Ralph E. Sawyer, Albert F. Schmitt, Minnie S. Seaver, Herbert D. White, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.

Laid over.

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TRANSFERS.

Jefferson District—Helen K. Somers, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Agassiz District, from Sept. 26, 1907.

Warren District—Schassa G. Row, assistant, in charge of a special class, to the same position in the Winthrop District, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

EMERGENCY LIST.

Katherine F. Baker, Everett P. Carey, Mary E. Cochran, Gertrude E. Gaylord, Mary E. Keenan, Mary E. Lowder, Mary M. Murphy, Mary M. Sullivan.

Approved.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Adams District—(Plummer No. 1 Kindergarten), Esther Nyberg; (Plummer No. 2 Kindergarten), Clara Knudson; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Agassiz District—(Agassiz Kindergarten), Alice G. Kane, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bennett District—(Faneuil Kindergarten), Olive D. Parker, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Blackinton District—(Blackinton Kindergarten), Eleanor Tosi; (Paul Jones Kindergarten), May F. Clark; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Brimmer District—(Warrenton-street Kindergarten), Mildred L. Wheeler, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Bunker Hill District—(Benjamin F. Tweed Kindergarten), Mary E. Hudson, from Sept. 26, 1907.

Chapman District—(Tappan No. 1 Kindergarten), Mehitable B. Snow; (Tappan No. 2 Kindergarten), Alice F. Hughes; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Christopher Gibson District—(Atherton Kindergarten), Ethel S. Thompson, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Dillaway District—(Abby W. May Kindergarten), Jessie F. McLean; (Kenilworth-street Kindergarten), May Kervin; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Dwight District—(Joshua Bates Kindergarten), Helen Selig; (Rutland-street Kindergarten), Victoria Saunders; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Frothingham District—(William H. Kent Kindergarten), Gertrude F. Regan, from Sept. 11 to 13, 1907, inclusive, three days; Johanna A. McCarthy, from Sept. 23, 1907.

Hancock District—(Cushman Kindergarten), Raphaella Langone; (North End Union Kindergarten), Mary Strollo; (North Margin-street Kindergarten), Elvira Cataldo, Rose Perriello; (Paul Revere Kindergarten), Jeanie Gavone, Jennie Strollo; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Henry L. Pierce District—(Bailey-street Kindergarten), Ruth L. Bumstead, from Sept. 16, 1907; (John Greenleaf Whittier Kindergarten), Beatrice S. Follett, from Sept. 25, 1907.

Lincoln District—(Choate Burnham Kindergarten), Elizabeth Maloney, from Sept. 19, 1907.

Lowell District—(Lucretia Crocker Kindergarten), Louisa Janssen, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lyman District—(Cudworth No. 1 Kindergarten), Mary L. Moran; (Cudworth No. 2 Kindergarten), Louise J. Currie; (James Otis Kindergarten), Dora Standel; (Old East Boston High School Kindergarten), Mary B. Lane; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Mather District—(Benjamin Cushing Kindergarten), Marguerite Leighton; (Old Mather Kindergarten), Emma Schulz; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Norcross District—(Cyrus Alger Kindergarten), Margaret Delay, from Sept. 13, 1907.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—(Benjamin Pope Kindergarten), May Collins, from Sept. 25, 1907.

Prescott District—(Polk-street Kindergarten), Grace T. Garrity, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Quincy District—(Andrews Kindergarten), Margaret A. Cronin; (Quincy Kindergarten), Anna E. Lynch; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Shurtleff District—(Bird Kindergarten), Lucy F. Thurston; (Clinch Kindergarten), Gertrude Craigen; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—(Auburn Kindergarten), Martha Liddell; (Everett Kindergarten), Anna E. Miln; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Warren District—(Copley Kindergarten),

Martha Aaron; (Mead-street Kindergarten), Louise Bertram; from Sept. 11, 1907.
Wells District—(Mayhew Kindergarten), Margaret McCoy; (St. Andrew's Chapel Kindergarten), Minnie Herrick; from Sept. 11, 1907; (Winchell Kindergarten), Ellen F. McNeil, from Sept. 27, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:
Mechanic Arts High School—William Fuller, master, Sept. 11, 1907, one day.
Roxbury High School—Helen J. McShane, special instructor, Sept. 19, 1907, one day.
Bigelow District—Mary L. Howard, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.
Blackinton District—Lucy A. O'Brien, assistant, Sept. 16, 1907, one day; Margaret Chandler, assistant kindergarten, Sept. 19, 1907, one day.
Christopher Gibson District—Catherine F. Byrne, master's assistant, Sept. 23, 1907, one-half day.
Dearborn District—Annie S. Irvin, assistant, from Sept. 23 until Dec. 23, 1907.
Dillaway District—Katherine Keenan, assistant, Sept. 23, 1907, one-half day.
Dwight District—Mary C. R. Towle, assistant, Sept. 24, 1907, one day; Cora E. Wood, assistant in charge of a special class, Sept. 11, 1907, one day.
Eliot District—Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 1, 1907.
Emerson District—Anna A. Aronie, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.
Everett District—Clotilda A. Delany, assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 30, 1907, one day.
Franklin District—Octavia L. Cram, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1907, until Jan. 11, 1908.
Lewis District—Rachel Rosnosky, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day; Jessie Tishler, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day; Agnes R. Elliott, first assistant, kindergarten, Sept. 23, 1907, one day.
Norcross District—Bessie E. Kennedy, assistant, Sept. 23, 1907, one day.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Louise A. Pieper, master's assistant, Sept. 11, 1907, one day; Julia A. Noonan, first assistant grammar school, Sept. 11, 1907, one-half day; Agnes E. Barry, assistant, Sept. 11 and 12, 1907, one and one-half days; Julia G. Leary, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907, one day.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Katherine G. Sheehan, assistant, Sept. 11, 1907, one day, and Sept. 17, 1907, one-half day.
Quincy District—Mary Burkhardt, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.
Roger Wolcott District—Mary E. Garrity, assistant, Sept. 25, 1907.
Sherwin District—Rose L. Hurvitz, assistant, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.
Washington District—Theresa E. Fraser, master's assistant, Sept. 27, 1907, one-half day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:
Mather District—Bertha E. Dennis, assistant, from Sept. 26, 1907, until Sept. 9, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers, on half-pay, for the terms specified, and their resignations accepted to take effect on the dates on which their leaves of absence expire:
Bigelow District—Malvena Tenney, assistant, from Sept. 1, 1907, until Jan 1, 1908.
Bowditch District—Mary E. Whitney, first assistant in charge, from Oct. 1, 1907, until Oct. 1, 1908.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Annie B. Emery, assistant, from Sept. 16, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL, PRINCE DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, stating that by reason of the absence of E. Bentley Young, master of the Prince School, on account of illness, he had designated Charles G. Wetherbee, sub-master in the school, to take charge of the schools of that district during such absence, or until such time as the position of its principal is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations.
Placed on file.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of twenty-three minors to be licensed to sell newspapers.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of a minor to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.
Approved.

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PIANISTS, LABORATORY ASSISTANTS, AND SPECIAL ASSISTANTS IN TYPEWRITING DEPARTMENT, IN EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized to appoint the following for the term of 1907-08:—
1. One pianist for each evening high school maintaining a class in physical training; the pianist in the Central Evening High School to perform such additional services as its principal may direct.
2. Two laboratory assistants in the Central Evening High School.
3. One laboratory assistant in the Roxbury Evening High School.
4. One special assistant, typewriting department, in each evening high school.

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EXPENDITURE FOR COSTUME MODELS, EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the expenditure of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) is hereby authorized for the services of costume models in the evening drawing schools during the term of 1907-08.

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MATRON, BIGELOW EVENING SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the employment of a matron in the Bigelow Evening Elementary School is hereby authorized for such portion of the evening school term 1907-08 as her services may be necessary.

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On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the salary of the matron of the Bigelow Evening Elementary School be established at the rate of one and fifty one-hundredths dollars ($1.50) for each evening of actual service, for the term of 1907-08, to date from Oct. 14, 1907.

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WOMAN FIRST ASSISTANT, BOWDOIN EVENING SCHOOL.

The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That the employment of a

woman as first assistant in the Bowdoin Evening Elementary School is hereby authorized for the term of 1907-08, instead of a male first assistant to which the school is entitled under the rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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BRANCH EVENING SCHOOL, MAYHEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That for the season of 1907-08, a branch of the Wells Evening Elementary School be established in the Mayhew School-house.

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ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the special assistant in the English High School, in addition to her regular salary, be paid twenty dollars ($20) per month from October 1, 1907, to July 1, 1908, for services rendered as stenographer in the office of the director of drawing and manual training.

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AMENDMENTS TO ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 26, 1907, stating that among the candidates who took the examination for nurses on June 15, was Susie I. Fitzgerald. On July 9, Miss Fitzgerald notified the Superintendent that she was a candidate only for the position of supervising nurse and did not desire to receive the assistant nurse's certificate. On the following day she wrote another letter withdrawing this declination and applying for the assistant nurse's certificate. This second letter was mislaid, and as a consequence Miss Fitzgerald's name and rating does not appear in the list of candidates eligible for such appointment. In view of this situation, said Board reports that the Second List of Eligible Candidates has been amended on page 33, under the heading "Nurses," by the insertion at the proper place of the following entry:

763—Susie I. Fitzgerald, Certificate expires June 30, 1913.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 26, 1907, reporting that it has amended School Document No. 9, 1907, Second List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers, as follows:

Page 12, Special Certificates Valid in High Schools (Commercial Branches), (693) Mary R. Bond, name removed by request.

Page 29, Normal Kindergarten, Prior to 1907, (677) Ruth T. Elliott, name removed by request.

Placed on file.

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EXPENDITURE FOR PHYSICAL LABORATORY, GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 26, 1907, recommending an expenditure of five hundred dollars for apparatus and supplies for the physical laboratory of the Girls' Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE FIRST THREE GRADES.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 26, 1907, with reference to the authority given the Superintendent on June 10, to put into effect in twelve elementary schools the following recommendations contained in the report of the medical commission appointed by the School Committee to report on the health of children attending the first three grades:

II. Regarding the sessions and recesses: (2) That the afternoon recess be lengthened and devoted to play.

III. Regarding the curriculum: That games and manual training, so far as possible chosen by the pupils, be introduced in place of the present schedule during the last hour of the afternoon session.

submitting the following list of schools, giving the number of rooms in each, selected by the Superintendent, in which the foregoing recommendations are to be put into effect, including one additional school, making thirteen in all:

School and District.	No. of Rooms
Benjamin Cushing, Mather	8
Benjamin Dean, Thomas N. Hart	6
Benjamin Pope, Oliver Hazard Perry	9
Chestnut-avenue (Inc. Portable No. 9), Bowditch	3
Concord-street, Everett	10
Harvard Hill, Harvard	6
Jefferson (First three grades), Jefferson	5
John Boyle O'Reilly, John A. Andrew	10
Paul Revere, Hancock	6
Plummer, Adams	13
W. L. P. Boardman, Lewis	6
William E. Endicott, Oliver Wendell Holmes	7
Winchell, Wells	12
Total	101

The Board recommends that the School Committee authorize the expenditure of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) to meet the estimated expense of carrying the foregoing recommendations into effect during the remainder of the current school year, this amount being based on the rate of approximately twenty-five dollars ($25) for each room affected.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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EXPENDITURE FOR LABORATORIES, NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 28, 1907, recommending that the expenditure of an amount not exceeding forty dollars ($40) be allowed the Normal School for perishable supplies, pupil assistance, and incidental expenses in the laboratories, during the remainder of the current financial year.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the expenditure of an amount not exceeding forty dollars ($40) for perishable supplies, pupil assistance, and incidental expenses in the laboratories of the Normal School during the remainder of the current financial year is hereby authorized.

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ELIGIBILITY OF ANNA M. HENDERSON FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NURSES.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Sept. 26, 1907, with reference to the admission of Anna M. Henderson to the recent examination held for school nurses, referred at the meeting of Sept. 5, reaffirming its former decision, i.e., that under the evidence submitted, Miss Henderson was not admissible to the examination held June 15, 1907, since she has not taken a course in and graduated from a hospital or

similar institution giving a course of instruction in nursing at least two years in length.

Placed on file.

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NUMBER OF SPECIAL ASSISTANTS AND AMOUNT PAID THEM.

A communication was received from the Business Agent, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, stating that, beginning with the service of Dec. 15, 1905, and ending with the school term of 1906, there were employed 147 special assistants, who were paid $18,-568.50, and for a similar period ending with the school term of 1907, there were 148 special assistants, who were paid $18,173.50.

Placed on file.

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PAYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES, EVENING SCHOOLS.

A communication was received jointly from the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools and the Business Agent, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, in response to the order passed at the meeting of Sept. 5, directing them to formulate and report a method of payment for the substitutes in the evening schools, which shall make each such payment a matter of certified record, containing the following recommendation:

That the Superintendent appoint a list of teachers eligible for substitute work in the evening schools, from which list all assignments for substitute work shall be made as far as possible; that the principals in making returns of service for the pay roll shall certify the number of sessions of service rendered by each regular teacher, and in the case of substitute teachers the number of sessions and also the name of the teacher in whose place such service is performed. Under this plan the amount due each substitute teacher would be collected directly by the teacher concerned, and the time for which payment for any service to the substitute teacher is made, could in no case exceed the time of absence of the regular teacher.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATIONS OF JANITORS.

Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under dates of Sept. 28 and 30, 1907, enclosing the following resignations of janitors:

Girls' High School Portable Schoolhouses Nos. 34 and 35—John Murphy, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Hillside School-house—Samuel S. Marison, to take effect on the appointment of his successor.

The communications were placed on file, and the resignations accepted.

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JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 28, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Cook School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Alicia Fleming for a period of ten days or less, to date from Sept. 26, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of Sept. 27, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Sept. 23, reporting that the following-named persons have been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment as janitor of the Cook School-house: John J. Murphy, Joel Sargent, and John A. Downey.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the appointment of John J. Murphy as janitor of the Cook School-house was approved, to date from Oct. 3, 1907.

JANITORSHIP, MAYHEW PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 54.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 28, 1907, stating that Portable School-house No. 54, located in the yard of the Mayhew School-house, was reopened for school purposes on Sept. 25, 1907, and recommending that Christopher P. Curtis, janitor of the main building, be appointed janitor of this portable school-house, from the aforesaid date.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Christopher P. Curtis was approved from the date specified.

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PAYMENT TO EDWARD POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 28, 1907, recommending the payment of $14.33 to Edward Powers, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Old Horace Mann School-house, from Sept. 16 to 25, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Edward Powers the sum of fourteen and 33-100 dollars ($14.33) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Old Horace Mann School-house, from Sept. 16 to 25, 1907, inclusive.

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APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION OF MESSENGERS, AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Auditor, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, submitting for approval the appointment of Alexander M. Sullivan as messenger, at a salary of twenty-five dollars ($25) per month, to date from Sept. 10, 1907, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation on Aug. 13 of Winthrop S. Davis.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the appointment of Alexander M. Sullivan at the salary and from the date stated was approved.

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PAYMENT TO WINTHROP S. DAVIS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Winthrop S. Davis the sum of forty-three dollars ($43) for extra services rendered during July and August, 1907, in checking the weight of coal delivered to school-houses.

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ATTENDANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from William H. Potter, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, requesting the School Committee to assume the cost of tuition in the Brookline Schools of two of his children as was done last year.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to Mr. Brock and the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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On motion of the same member, various applications received at the last meeting that the city assume the cost of tuition in the Brookline Schools of certain children residing in Aberdeen District and in the westerly part of the Prince District, were taken from the table, and also referred to Mr. Brock and the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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CLASSES IN IRISH HISTORY, EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That a class in Irish his-

tory may be established in any evening high school during the term of 1907-08, subject to the same regulations which govern the establishment and discontinuance of classes in other subjects embraced in the course of study for such schools.

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APPLICATION FOR USE OF SOUTH BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

An application was received from Joseph A. Lally, on behalf of the Gate of Heaven Holy Name Club, under date of Sept. 29, 1907, for the use of the South Boston High School-house on Friday evenings from Nov. 29, 1907, to Apr. 1, 1908, for basket ball games.

Laid on the table.

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APPLICATION FOR USE OF ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

An application was received from H. Bradlee Fenno, on behalf of St. Stephen's Church, under date of July 26, 1907, for the use of the drill hall in the English High School-house once a week, for basket ball practice.

Laid on the table.

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APPROPRIATION FOR TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the following order offered by the Superintendent at the meeting of Sept. 5, was taken from the table:

ORDERED, That an expenditure of a sum not exceeding twenty-eight hundred dollars ($2800) be authorized for the purchase of evening school text-books and supplies not usually furnished.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the order was amended to read as follows:

ORDERED, That the expenditure of a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars ($3200) is hereby authorized for the purchase of evening school text-books and supplies, not including stationery, as the total expenditure for these purposes during the remainder of the current financial year.

The order as amended passed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the doors were opened.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 10:55 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Oct. 2, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 5 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF PAY ROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the pay rolls and bills, both regular and special, for the month of October, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Business Agent, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. William S. Kenny.

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JANITORSHIP, HILLSIDE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Sept. 30, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Hillside School-house, and recommending the appointment of Louis N. Marison, janitor of the Pierpont School-house, who stands at the head of said list, to the position, to date from Oct. 7, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the transfer of Louis N. Marison to said position was approved from the date stated.

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PAYMENT TO ALICIA FLEMING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $9.10 to Alicia Fleming, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Alicia Fleming the sum of nine and 10-100 dollars ($9.10) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2, 1907, inclusive.

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ATTENDANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Brock, to whom, together with the Superintendent, were referred at the last meeting various requests of parents residing in the Aberdeen District and in the westerly part of the Prince District, that the city assume the cost of tuition of their children in the Brookline schools, made an oral report thereon, and recommended that no further action be taken by the Board with respect to said applications.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

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LECTURES FOR PRIMARY AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to provide for lectures for primary and kindergarten teachers in the public schools at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100).

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 6.17 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Oct. 7, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the meetings of Sept. 30 and Oct. 2, 1907, was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of Sept. 30.

The appointments were approved.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers in the evening schools, as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of Sept. 30.

The appointments were approved.

SCHOOLS OF OBSERVATION FOR NORMAL SCHOOL PUPILS, AND SUPERVISOR OF PRACTICE.

The Board proceeded to consider the communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of Sept. 23, recommending (1) that the Superintendent be directed to organize the Martin and Farragut Schools as schools of observation in connection with the Normal School, and (2) that sections 306 and 417 of the regulations be amended to provide for the appointment of a supervisor of practice, and defining the duties of such official, and that other sections be renumbered to conform thereto. (See p. 126.)

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of the Superintendent, both of the foregoing recommendations were adopted, and the regulations amended accordingly.

COURSE OF STUDY, NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Board proceeded to consider the communication received from the Board of Superintendents and laid over at the meeting of Sept. 23, recommending the adoption of an accompanying temporary course of study for the Normal School, pending further changes now under consideration by the Board. (See pp. 125, 126.)

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of the Superintendent, the aforesaid course of study was adopted.

WEEKLY PAYMENT OF JANITORS.

The following communication was received:—

City of Boston,
In Board of Aldermen, September 30, 1907.

ORDERED: That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting, if convenient, why janitors in the service of the School Committee are not paid weekly, as provided by law.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk.

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass., Oct. 3, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, laid on the table.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

East Boston High School—Emma B. Harris, assistant, Oct. 14, 1907.

Bowditch District—Mary A. M. Papineau, assistant, Sept. 30, 1907.

Charles Sumner District—Stacy B. Southworth, sub-master, Sept. 11, 1907.

Longfellow District—M. Alice Jackson, assistant, Oct. 1, 1907.

Washington District—Alice McGillicuddy, assistant, Oct. 14, 1907; Mary E. Harvell, assistant, Oct. 10, 1907.

Accepted.

Truant officer—Daniel J. Sweeney, Oct. 7, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Agassiz District—Mabel A. Campbell, from Oct. 9, 1907.

Bowditch District—Florence R. LeBlanc, from Sept. 30, 1907; Margaret M. O'Brien, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Dearborn District—Elizabeth L. Keefe, from Oct. 4 to 31, 1907; Mary L. Kelly, from Sept. 30, 1907; Irene M. Walsh, from Sept. 17 to 27, 1907, inclusive.

Eliot District—Mildred M. Hood, kindergarten, from Sept. 24, 1907.

Franklin District—Helen M. Connelly, from Oct. 7, 1907.

Frothingham District—Emma L. Carroll, from Sept. 11 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

Jefferson District—Elizabeth M. McDermott, from Oct. 3, 1907.

Longfellow District—Mary C. Burns, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Quincy District—Veronica E. Doyle, from Sept. 13 until Oct. 11, 1907, inclusive; Lavina M. Grimes, from Sept. 16 until Oct. 11, 1907, inclusive; Mary A. A. Haverty, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 11, 1907, inclusive.

Thomas N. Hart District—Grace G. Colman, from Sept. 11, 1907; Hannah E. McDonough, from Sept. 26 until Oct. 11, 1907, inclusive.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Lucy F. Hunter, special assistant instructor of physical training, two days in each week, from Oct. 7, 1907.

Cookery—Gertrude A. Power, teacher, on half time, from Sept. 16, 1907.

Sewing—Anastasia Gannon, teacher, on four-fifths time, from Sept. 16, 1907.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Charlestown High School—Philip Goodrich, junior-master, from Nov. 4, 1907.

Bennett District—Carleton E. Preston, sub-master, from Nov. 4, 1907.

Bigelow District—Louise C. Keyes, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Comins District—Mary G. L. Quinlan, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Emerson District—Avis A. Kingston, assistant, from Oct. 9, 1907.
Gilbert Stuart District—John C. Riley, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Henry L. Pierce District—Alice G. Haggerty, Frances L. Eager, assistants, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Lewis District—Edward J. Muldoon, Miriam J. Bronski, assistants, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Lincoln District—Frances W. Dalrymple, assistant, fourth year, from Nov. 1, 1907.
Lyman District—Mildred R. Kimball, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Martin District—Hugh J. McElaney, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Phillips Brooks District—Elleanor P. Cox, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Rice District—J. Vida Spear, assistant, third year, from Oct. 23, 1907.
Roger Wolcott School—Florence M. Murphy, Florence J. Preston, assistants, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Shurtleff District—Annie E. Flood, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Thomas Gardner District—Edna C. Farrington, Bertha E. Davis, assistants, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Washington District—Myra K. Parker, Mary V. Sullivan, assistants, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Wells District—Hazel P. Gore, assistant, Oct. 22, 1907.
Nurse—Josephine Ellis, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Laid over.

(By Promotion.)

Bennett District—Isabel M. Wier, master's assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Laid over.

The following appointments required a suspension of the rules:
East Boston High School—Lucretia E. Berry, assistant; Edith Rose, assistant instructor; from Oct. 14, 1907.
The rules were suspended, and the appointments approved.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Mechanic Arts High School—Eunice J. Weston, special assistant.
South Boston High School—Helen G. Davis, special assistant instructor in drawing.
Bigelow District—Thomas J. Barry, submaster.
Edward Everett District—Margaret R. Dwyer, assistant.
Harvard District—Laura F. Wentworth, assistant.
Prince District—Ellen G. Wiseman, assistant.
Spectacle Island School—John A. O'Keefe, Jr., teacher.
Approved.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Central High School—Alfred M. Butler, Adolph C. Ely, Charles A. French, assistants; Edward J. Connell, special assistant; Margaret L. Sandholzer, pianist, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Charlestown High School—Thomas S. Gill, special assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
East Boston High School—Owen D. Evans, Edward F. Loughlin, Charles Miller, Julia A. Murphy, Charles T. Wentworth, assistants; Horatio W. Nelson, special assistant; Margaret M. Cummings, pianist; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Roxbury High School—John E. Denham, assistant; William H. Nelson, special assistant; Eugenia E. Holohan, pianist; from Oct. 14, 1907.
South Boston High School—Thomas E. Kelley, Charles Miller, assistants; Michael J. Downey, special assistant; Lucile M. Pelletier, Leonard S. Whelan, pianists; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Bigelow School—Charlotte E. Abramson, Catherine E. Bergen, Anna G. Carr, Nellie T. Gallagher, Anna C. Grimes, Laura M. Hawkins, Annie L. McGrory, Henry Palmer, S. Winthrop St. Clair, Mary A. Wogan, assistants; Anna Avieta, Julian K. Sliwkoski, interpreters; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Bowdoin School—Ida E. Hall, first assistant; Grace B. McCormick, assistant; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Christopher Columbus School—Sigmund Pollak, Samuel Starr, interpreters; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Comins School—Margaret F. Cummings, Adelaide F. Perry, Mary E. Smith (1906), assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Eliot School—Arthur L. Gould, first assistant; Philipas P. Apostolopoulos, Carlo C. Grillo, Hyman Morrison, interpreters; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Franklin School—Harry S. Bernstein, Louis Leyser, interpreters; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Hancock School—Margaret K. Long, assistant; Olympia de Feo, interpreter; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Lincoln School—Annie R. Toye, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Lyman School—Alice L. Kelly, Marion E. Killion, Alice M. Sweeney, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Phillips Brooks School—Mary F. Dutton, Susie J. McCloskey, Agnes M. Schayer, Anna M. Suhl, assistants; Anna R. Ferber, interpreter; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Warren School—Sarah L. Cauley, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Washington Allston School—William T. Miller, first assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Wells School—Anna Sansiper, assistant; Esther K. Casson, Henry H. Damon, Solomon Feingold, Sanda R. Herson, Mark M. Horbitt, Louis Levin, Martha Mikels, Sophie B. Myers, James B. Oppenheim, Alfred A. Silton, Herman Terkel, interpreters; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Evening Drawing Schools—Arthur L. Goodrich, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Charlestown Evening Drawing School—Claude H. Bates, curator, from Oct. 14, 1907.
East Boston Evening Drawing School—Chester W. Allen, curator, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Mechanic Arts Evening Drawing School—J. Fred Sayer, Jr., curator, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Roxbury Evening Drawing School—Fred L. Wetherbee, curator, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Warren Avenue Evening Drawing School—James E. Gannon, curator, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Approved.

TRANSFERS.

Bigelow District—Josephine Crockett, assistant, to the same position in the Agassiz District, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Phillips Brooks Evening School—Sara Smith, assistant, to the same position in the Quincy Evening School, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Quincy Evening School—Hannah Greenberg, assistant, to the same position in the Phillips Brooks Evening School, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Rice District—Jane E. Monahan, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Minot District, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Eliot District—(Pormort Kindergarten), Celia Pote, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Emerson District—(Noble Kindergarten), Mary L. Murphy, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Hugh O'Brien District—(Samuel W. Mason Kindergarten), Catherine Parks, from Sept. 11, 1907.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—(William E. Endicott Kindergarten), Mary Durant, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—(Tileston Kindergarten), Josephine L. Clare, from Oct. 7, 1907.
Shurtleff District—(Bird Kindergarten), Georgiana Griffin, from Oct. 7, 1907.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

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Dorchester High School—Jane E. Gormley, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Sept. 16, 1907, inclusive, four days.
Bigelow District—Theobald A. Lynch, assistant, Oct. 8, 1907, one day.
Bowdoin District—Carolyn M. Fletcher, assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 1, 1907.
Dearborn District—Anna E. McDonough, assistant, from Sept 11 until Oct. 1, 1907, fourteen days.
Dwight District—Minnie A. Noyes, assistant, Sept. 30, 1907, one-half day; Miriam Sterne, first assistant in charge, Sept. 18, 1907, one day.
Eliot District—Mary V. Cunningham, assistant, Sept. 27, 1907, one-half day.
Everett District—Annie J. Reed, assistant, Oct. 1 and 2, 1907, one and one-half days.
Hancock District—Margaret Mulligan, assistant, Oct. 2, 1907.
Lewis District—Alice D. Burke, assistant, Oct. 2, 1907, one day.
Prince District—E. Bentley Young, master, from Oct. 1 until Nov. 1, 1907.
Warren District—Katharine A. Sweeney, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1907, two days.
Washington District—Elizabeth A. Lyons, assistant, kindergarten, from Sept. 16 until Nov. 16, 1907.
Sewing—Sara C. Selby, teacher, Sept. 27, 1907, one day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for travel, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher for the term specified:
Girls' High School—Edith T. Sears, special instructor of physical training, from Nov. 15, 1907, until Sept. 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teacher, without pay, for the term specified:
Dearborn District—Anna E. McDonough, assistant, from Oct. 1 until Nov. 11, 1907.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher, on half-pay, from Oct. 14, 1907, until Oct. 14, 1908, and her resignation accepted, to take effect on the latter date:
Bennett District—Melissa Abbott, master's assistant.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of seventeen minors to be licensed to sell newspapers.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of a minor to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.
Approved.

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RANK OF CLARA J. A. SMITH.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 7, 1907, stating that at the time of the revision of the rules and regulations in June, 1906, several orders were included in the salary schedule for the year 1906-07, changing the ranks of various individuals in the service to make them conform to the new titles. There were in the service at that time three individuals rendering clerical assistance. By order No. 11 of the salary schedule of 1906-07, two of these were given the rank of special assistant, high schools. By oversight, the third one was omitted. The passage of the following order is therefore recommended:
ORDERED, That the rank of Clara J. A. Smith, clerical assistant in the Normal School, be that of special assistant, high school, to date from Oct. 22, 1907.
The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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LECTURERS FOR COURSE IN SALESMANSHIP, BIGELOW EVENING SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to employ lecturers to conduct a course in salesmanship in the Bigelow Evening Elementary School for the term of 1907-08, for a period of twelve weeks, at an expense not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars ($150).

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CLASS IN MECHANICAL DRAWING, BIGELOW EVENING SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools is hereby authorized to establish a class in mechanical drawing in the Bigelow Evening Elementary School for the term of 1907-08, provided that a sufficient number of pupils apply for instruction in that branch.

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CLASSES IN SEWING, DRESSMAKING, MILLINERY, EMBROIDERY, AND WOODWORKING, EVENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools is hereby authorized to establish classes in any of the evening elementary schools in the following subjects; sewing, dressmaking, millinery, embroidery, and woodworking; provided that a sufficient number of pupils apply for instruction in any of these branches.

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EXPENDITURE FOR ADVERTISING, EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the principal of each evening high school be allowed to expend an amount not exceeding ten dollars ($10), and the principal of each evening elementary school and the principal of each evening drawing school an amount not exceeding five dollars ($5), for printing and distributing advertising matter for the term of 1907-08.

PRIZES TO PUPILS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 3, 1907, relative to a communication from the Common Council requesting the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, to offer prizes to pupils in the various classes of the public schools for excellence in studies and deportment, referred at the meeting of Feb. 18, submitting the following report:—

Several years ago it was the custom to encourage children by means of prizes, medals, etc. The effect upon the individual pupils who worked for them, the rivalries and jealousies engendered, together with the complaints of unfairness and partiality against those who distributed them, led the School Committee of the City of Boston to forbid all such rewards with the exception of a very few which had become historical, such as the Franklin medal, military drill prizes, and declamation prizes. Those who have been connected with the schools during the past years are of the opinion that the schools have been benefited by such restriction.

Placed on file, and a copy ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council through His Honor the Mayor.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO AND RESIGNATION OF A JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 5, 1907, recommending that Joseph Smith, a janitor now in the eighty-fifth year of his age, who has rendered faithful and efficient service in that capacity for over forty years, be granted leave of absence for one year from Oct. 9, 1907, until Oct. 9, 1908, at one-half the salary paid him as janitor of the Old Charlestown High School-house, i. e., $522, and that his resignation be accepted to take effect on the latter date.

Accompanying the foregoing was a communication from Mr. Smith applying for such leave of absence and submitting his resignation.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, Mr. Smith was granted leave of absence on half-pay ($522), for the term specified, and his resignation was accepted, to take effect Oct. 9, 1908.

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JANITORSHIP, PIERPONT SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 7, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Pierpont Schoolhouse caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Alicia Fleming for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 7, 1907.

Placed on file.

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EXPENDITURE FOR CLEANERS, NORMAL SCHOOL GROUP OF BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 5, 1907, stating that he had found it necessary to employ several cleaners in the Normal School Group of Buildings, from Sept. 23 to Oct. 5, 1907, inclusive, and recommending that they receive compensation therefor at the rate of $.20 per hour.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to expend the sum of eighty-one and 60-100 dollars ($81.60) for the services of cleaners employed under the direction of the Schoolhouse Custodian at the Normal School Group of Buildings, from Sept. 23 to Oct. 5, 1907, inclusive.

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ADDITIONAL NURSE, EAST BOSTON SCHOOLS.

A petition was received from the officers and directors of the Home Club of East Boston, under date of Oct. 1, 1907, for the assignment of an additional nurse in the schools of East Boston.

Referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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ADDITIONAL PRIMARY AND KINDERGARTEN ACCOMMODATIONS, ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

A petition was received from A. Chalmers and twenty-seven other parents of children residing within the territory bounded by Commonwealth avenue, Washington street, Corey road and Warren street, under date of Sept. 16, 1907, for kindergarten and primary school accommodations within said territory.

Referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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PAYMENT OF SALARIES DUE TEACHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES.

The Chairman reported that after consultation with the Mayor, and with the latter's approval, he had prepared the following communication to the Finance Commission, with regard to the payment of salaries due teachers and other employees of the Board:

The School Committee desires to submit for consideration by the Finance Commission, the question as to what plan should be adopted for paying teachers' salaries and employees of the School Department promptly, and at the same time fulfilling the requirements necessary for proper municipal accounting.

Under the system formerly in vogue, pay rolls for the school teachers and the employees of the School Department were certified by the masters in the various districts about the middle of the month (that is to say, when only half the services covered by the certification were rendered, and when absence during the balance of the month might render the certification false). It seems necessary to obtain this certification from the various masters because they are in immediate charge of their schools, and are the ones to know whether or not the services are rendered. These pay rolls then have been sent by the School Department to the City Auditor's office where they are audited before the services are completed and from that office are sent in turn to the office of the City Treasurer, who begins payment in cash by means of the City Paymasters about the 25th of the month (still before the services are fully rendered), and completes payments on or about the 2nd or 3rd of the ensuing month.

Mr. William J. Smith, Business Agent of the School Department, who is an experienced accountant, has advised the School Committee that this system is not a proper accounting method for making these payments, because the masters are obliged, on the 15th of the month, to certify to services not then rendered and only to be rendered during the ensuing fifteen days. These pay rolls have also been approved by the City Auditor's Department before the services were completely rendered, and it is also true that the City Treasurer has begun paying for these services before they were completed.

On the other hand, if the pay rolls are certified by the masters on the 1st day of the month, after the services to which they certify have been fully rendered, then under the system of auditing and payment now in practice in the office of the City Auditor and the City Treasurer, we are informed that the first payments cannot be made by the City Paymasters until the 10th of the month; so all the salaries would not be paid until the 17th or 18th of the month. This substantial delay in the payment of salaries is a serious hardship to the teachers and to others employed by the School Department, and is especially severe in view of what seems to be the inadequate salaries now paid our school teachers, particularly in view of the salaries paid to employees in other departments of the City who are neither obliged to furnish a high school certificate nor to submit to two years of professional training after graduating from the high school, nor to submit to one, two or three years of substitute or practice teaching before receiving their first regular appointment, and whose work does not seem at least to exact any higher standard of intellectual effort or character compared with the requirements which are enforced for the sake of our schools in the case of teachers.

The members of the School Committee are not expert accountants, and hesitate to disregard the advice of their expert accountant so far as establishing proper protection to the City is concerned, but they are extremely anxious that there should be the least possible delay in the payment of services rendered the School Department.

We would call your attention to the fact that we have consulted the Superintendent of Schools of the City of New York, and find that cheques for all school salaries due for the preceding month are placed in the mail in New York on the first or second day of the month, so that all teachers and employees of the New York School Department are in receipt of their salaries on the 2nd or 3d day of the month. We also understand that the City of Chicago pays promptly by means of a system of cheques, and that the State of Massachusetts pays all employees by cheque on the 1st of the month, unless they notify the Treasurer that they prefer to come to the State Treasurer's office to receive cash. It seems to us as though such a system as the State Treasurer employs could be devised, and that it would meet the accounting objections raised by Mr. Smith; and that it would also meet the desire of the teachers and other employees for prompt payment, with which we are entirely in sympathy, because those who are willing to receive cheques could all be paid by the 2nd or 3d of the month, and furthermore, the large numbers of teachers serving in our schools as substitutes, who are now obliged—in order to get the proper certification—to wait until the second month after their services were rendered, would have their payments advanced from thirty to forty days, and be paid at the same time as the regular teachers.

The Chairman of the School Committee has conferred with the Mayor and received his consent to lay this matter before the Finance Commission.

The Chairman also submitted a communication addressed to His Honor the Mayor, transmitting to him a copy of the foregoing communication to the Finance Commission.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the foregoing communications were approved and the Chairman authorized to transmit the same.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That in view of the unexpected delay which has resulted in the operation of the new system for the payment of salaries, and as the matter has been referred to the Finance Commission for an early settlement, it is moved that pending this report the Business Agent be hereby instructed to return to the method formerly in vogue, and that the order of this Board of June 10, 1907, relating to this matter, be hereby rescinded.

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PLAN FOR A PENSION SYSTEM FOR BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the committee of school masters who are to submit to this Board for consideration a revised pension scheme for teachers, be requested to submit their plan in detail at as early a date as possible.

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SETTING-UP DRILL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, HIGH SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent, after consultation with the Director of Physical Training and Athletics, report as to the advisability of introducing in the several high schools a setting-up drill for both boys and girls, to occupy a period of about ten minutes each day.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the doors were opened.

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JANITORSHIP, NORMAL SCHOOL GROUP.

The Board proceeded to consider the list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Normal School Group of Buildings as reported by the Schoolhouse Custodian and laid over at the meeting of Sept. 5.

The communication was placed on file.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to call the roll. The members as their names were called respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

For Michael J. Crowley:—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny and Storrow—5.

The Chairman declared Michael J. Crowley transferred from his present position as janitor of the Jefferson School-house to the janitorship of the Normal School Group of Buildings, to date from Oct. 14, 1907.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Oct. 21, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the meeting of Oct. 7.

The appointments were approved.

WEEKLY PAYMENT OF JANITORS.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston,
In Common Council,
Oct. 10, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to at once conform to the law, by making weekly payments to the janitors in the service of the School Committee.

In Common Council, Oct. 10, 1907.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

William J. Barrett, President.

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass., Oct. 12, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

Laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE TO THE PATRICK A. COLLINS SCHOOL BUILDING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Oct. 15, 1907, stating that the High School of Commerce was moved from the Winthrop-street School-house to the Patrick A. Collins School Building on Oct. 12, 1907, and is now occupying the aforesaid premises.

Placed on file.

PIANOS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Oct. 14, 1907, stating that if the School Committee will put themselves definitely on record as being willing to assume all responsibility in connection with old buildings, both for the repair and tuning of pianos, and for the furnishing of new instruments where they are necessary, said Commission will furnish all pianos for new buildings, and, after having furnished these instruments, the care of them will devolve entirely upon the School Committee. If this arrangement is satisfactory, the Schoolhouse Commission will proceed at once to make the purchases necessary for the Normal Group of Buildings and for the Charlestown High School-house.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was directed to notify the Schoolhouse Commission that this Board assents to the arrangement with respect to pianos as stated in the foregoing communication.

LOCATION OF GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Oct. 9, 1907, stating that the Lyceum Hall Building on Meeting House Hill has been fitted up for the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, as requested by the School Committee, and is now occupied by that School.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

(To Retire From the Service.)

Dudley District—Hannah B. Ford, Ida S. Hammerle, assistants, Oct. 11, 1907.

Eliot District—Mary W. Bonython, assistant, Oct. 16, 1907.

Franklin District—Harriet A. Glover, assistant, Oct. 5, 1907.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Blanche Burdick, assistant, Oct. 14, 1907.

Washington Allston District—Lydia E. Stevenson, assistant, Oct. 15, 1907.

Cookery—Margaret A. Fay, teacher, Oct. 14, 1907.

Nurse—Katherine A. Moynihan, assistant, Oct. 14, 1907.

Accepted.

(To Accept Promotion in the Service.)

Bennett District—Edith Rose, assistant, Oct. 16, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Agassiz District—Sarah G. Stowers (under a special order), from Oct. 14, 1907.

Bennett District—Rosanna M. Dowd, from Oct. 17 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive; Louise M. Foss, Oct. 16, 1907, one day.

Brimmer District—Anna T. O'Brien, from Oct. 22 until Nov. 4, 1907, inclusive.

Christopher Gibson District—Mary L. Keefe, from Oct. 21, 1907.

Dudley District—Samuel A. Cragin, Annie E. Dennis, from Oct. 14, 1907.

Dwight District—Teresa A. Hurley, from Oct. 21, 1907.

Edward Everett District—Ellen R. Scott, from Oct. 14 until Nov. 5, 1907.

Everett District—Ethel W. Smith, from Oct. 16 until Nov. 4, 1907, inclusive.

Franklin District—Alice M. Sweeney, from Oct. 16, 1907.

Gaston District—Emily M. Desmond, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 16, 1907, inclusive; Mary F. O'Neil, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 11, 1907, inclusive; Irene M. Walsh, from Oct. 14, 1907; Alice L. Williams, from Oct. 14 until Nov. 4, 1907, inclusive.

Hancock District—Linda C. O'Dowd, from Oct. 14, 1907.

Hyde District—Frances C. Lamb, from Oct. 21, 1907; Edith M. Snow, from Oct. 14 until Nov. 4, 1907, inclusive.

Lincoln District—E. Cecilia Mackin, from Sept. 16 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive.

Minot District—Eleanor L. Rand, kindergarten, from Oct. 9, 1907; Annie R. Toye, from Oct. 1, 1907.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Elizabeth V. Doherty, from Sept. 30 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive; Margaret L. Ryan, Oct. 16, 1907, one-half day.
Quincy District—Veronica E. Doyle, from Oct. 14 to 18, 1907, inclusive; Lavina M. Grimes, from Oct. 14, 1907; Mary A. A. Haverty, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Rice District—Gertrude Stahl, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—Anna L. Sullivan, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Shurtleff District—Alice M. Riley, from Oct. 10 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive.
Thomas Gardner District—Alice J. Moran, from Oct. 8 to 21, 1907, inclusive.
Washington District—Elizabeth A. Donahue, from Oct. 21, 1907.
Washington Allston District—Helen F. Farrell, from Oct. 14 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive.
Winthrop District—Mary E. A. McPherson, from Oct. 18, 1907; Katherine L. Ryan, kindergarten, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Approved.

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TEMPORARY ASSISTANT NURSES.

Frances Z. Flannery, Oct. 14 and 15, 1907, two days.
Ellen M. Dwyer, from Oct. 16, 1907.
Placed on file.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

English High School—Delia J. Hayden, special assistant, from Oct. 1, 1907.
Girls' High School—Belle Ballou, special assistant, from Sept. 30, 1907.
Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Margaret L. Ryan, special assistant, from Sept. 30, 1907.
Agassiz District—Mabel A. Campbell, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Brimmer District—Anna T. O'Brien, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Dudley District—Stella F. Thomas, assistant, fourth year, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Edward Everett District—Ellen R. Scott, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Everett District—Ethel W. Smith, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Gaston District—Alice L. Williams, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Hyde District—Edith M. Snow, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Lincoln District—Mary J. Grady, assistant, seventh year, from Nov. 1, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Ellen L. Roche, assistant, from Oct. 23, 1907.
Phillips District—Katharine W. Moffatt, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Robert G. Shaw District—Rita G. Baker, assistant (under a special order), from Nov. 5, 1907.
Washington District—Josephine T. Collagan, assistant, third year, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Washington Allston District—Annabelle L. Troupe, assistant, fourth year, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Cookery—Helen A. Parker, teacher, from Oct. 14, 1907; Sarah L. Cauley, teacher, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Laid over.

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(By Promotion.)

Warren District—Caroline E. Morse, first assistant in charge, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Laid over.

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The following appointments required a suspension of the rules:
Public Latin School—Stacy B. Southworth, instructor, from Sept. 16, 1907.
High School of Commerce—Oscar H. Peters, assistant instructor, from Oct. 18, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Mary F. Gould, assistant, from Oct. 21, 1907.
The rules were suspended, and the appointments approved.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Longfellow District—Helen M. Fogarty, assistant.
Winthrop District—Mabel A. Grogan, assistant.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Central High School—Henry J. Clark, assistant, Oct. 14, 1907; Edward B. Soler, Thomas H. H. Knight, assistants, from Oct. 21, 1907; Henry G. Burke, special assistant, typewriting, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Charlestown High School—James W. Mace, Jr., assistant, from Oct. 17, 1907, (one night); Julia F. Cody, special assistant, typewriting, from Oct. 14, 1907.
East Boston High School—Harlan P. Ford, Adrienne V. de Mers, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Harry E. Bryant, Elden D. Pratt, assistants, from Oct. 14, 1907; Harry L. Lurie, laboratory assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907; William T. Thompson, special assistant, typewriting, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Bigelow Evening School—Joseph F. Carter, Mary F. Driscoll, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Bowdoin Evening School—Josephine M. Haney, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Christopher Columbus School—Elizabeth L. Keefe, Katherine McNamara, assistants; from Oct. 14. 1907.
Comins Evening School—Agnes G. Cotter, Elinor G. Cowan, Margaret E. McMahon, Margaret J. McNulty, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Eliot Evening School—Mary M. Murphy, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907; Jennie G. Maguire, assistant, from Oct. 16, 1907; Janet H. Jordan, Anna L. McMurry, assistants, from Oct. 17, 1907; Agnes McCloskey, assistant, from Oct. 18, 1907; Joseph De Marco, interpreter, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Franklin Evening School—Eva K. Boyce, Annie S. Hagarty, assistants, from Oct. 14, 1907; Mary L. Keefe, assistant, from Oct. 14 to 25, 1907, inclusive; Lena H. Romberg, assistant, from Oct. 16 to 25, 1907, inclusive; Clara H. Franke, Matilda J. Graumann, assistants, from Oct. 17, 1907.
Hancock Evening School—Annie V. Hogan, Grace M. Sissons, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Lincoln Evening School—Hyacinthe M. Brady, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Lyman Evening School—Helen F. Farrell, Harriet L. Jewell, Anna J. Low, Mary E. Porter, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Phillips Brooks Evening School—Henry S. Ashton; Andrew J. Leahy, assistants; from Oct. 14, 1907.
Quincy Evening School—A. Teresa Fennelly, Adelaide G. Nelson, assistants, from Oct. 16, 1907; Florence R. LeBlanc, assistant, from Oct. 17, 1907.
Washington Allston Evening School—Helen T. Carmody, Alice J. Moran, assistants, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Wells Evening School—David Fliegelman, first assistant; Emma Foster, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907; Frances C. Lamb, assistant, from Oct. 14 to 25, 1907, inclusive; James P. Oppenheim, interpreter, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Evening Drawing Schools—Fred W. McArdle, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Roxbury High School—Annie L. Bennett, assistant, to the same position in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, to date from Oct. 21, 1907.
Lincoln District—Josephine A. Simonton, assistant, to the same position in the Dearborn District, to date from Nov. 1, 1907.
Eliot Evening School—Katherine C.

Brady, assistant, to the same position in the Christopher Columbus Evening School, to date from Oct. 18, 1907.

Lyman Evening School—Mary A. Starkey, assistant, to the same position in the Comins Evening School, to date from Oct. 14, 1907.

Placed on file.

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Normal School—Clara J. A. Smith, clerical assistant (rank changed Oct. 7, 1907), to the position of special assistant, on probation, in the Charlestown High School, from Oct. 22, 1907.

Approved.

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EMERGENCY LIST.

William G. de Coligny, Annie E. Dennis, Margaret M. Downing, Flora M. Hoyt, Howard G. Kingman, Anna G. MacMahon, Clara J. O'Brien, Mary Clark Powell, Blanche B. Starratt.

Approved.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Dwight District—(Joshua Bates Kindergarten), Pauline E. Taylor, from Sept. 30, 1907.

Edward Everett District—(Old Edward Everett Kindergarten), Marjorie Hale, from Sept. 11 to 27, 1907, inclusive; Anna Bullard, from Oct. 7, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—(Adams-street Kindergarten), Mary Powers; (Stoughton Kindergarten), Edith Hayes; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lewis District—(W. L. P. Boardman Kindergarten), Frances Millete, from Oct. 22, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—(Harris Kindergarten), Grace Stratton, from Sept. 24, 1907.

Phillips Brooks District—(Howard-avenue Kindergarten), Charlotte Becker, from Sept. 23, 1907; Lena Murphy, from Sept. 16 to 20, 1907, inclusive, five days; (Hull Kindergarten), Margaret Hagerty, from Sept. 11 to 30, 1907, inclusive; Sadie Lynsky, from Oct. 4, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—(Lauriat-avenue Kindergarten), Vera G. Briggs; (Thetford-street Kindergarten), Lucy Wanzer; from Sept. 11, 1907.

Sherwin District—(Ira Allen Kindergarten,) Mary E. Cannon, from Oct. 21, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—(Harvard Kindergarten), Faith M. Ellis, from Oct. 22, 1907.

Warren District—(Copley Kindergarten), Georgia Parker, from Oct. 15, 1907.

Washington Allston District—(Frederic A. Whitney Kindergarten), Rose Hanratty, from Sept. 11, 1907; Lizzie McKenney, from Oct. 7, 1907.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Blackinton District—Helen A. Burke, assistant, Oct. 2, 1907, one day; Annie F. McGillicuddy, assistant, Oct. 14, 1907, one day.

Brimmer District—Sarah E. Adams, assistant, Oct. 7, 1907, one-half day; Frances A. Putnam, assistant, from Sept. 17 until Dec. 17, 1907.

Bunker Hill District—Charlotte E. Seavey, assistant, Oct. 17, 1907, one-half day.

Dillaway District—Annie E. Mahan, first assistant in charge, Sept. 27, 1907, one day.

Frothingham District—Frances L. Nickerson, assistant, Oct. 10, 1907, one day; Jennie L. Quirk, Oct. 16, 1907, one day.

Hancock District—Ellen C. Sawtelle, master, Oct. 7, 1907, one-half day; Margaret D. Mitchell, first assistant in charge, Oct. 16, 1907, one-half day; Agnes G. Ryan, assistant, kindergarten, Oct. 15, 1907, one day; Julia E. Keith, assistant, kindergarten, from Oct. 15 until Dec. 1, 1907; Ethel S Murkland, assistant, kindergarten, from Oct. 7 until Nov. 1, 1907.

Horace Mann School—Mary H. Thompson, assistant, Sept. 30 until Oct. 4, 1907, inclusive, five days.

Hyde District—Celia Bamber, assistant, Sept. 18 and Sept. 24, 1907, two days.

Jefferson District—Elinor W. Leavitt, master's assistant, Oct. 10, 1907, one day.

Lewis District—Elizabeth B. Richardson, assistant, Oct. 9, 1907, one-half day.

Martin District—Mary V. Gormley, assistant, from Sept. 11 until Dec. 3, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Oct. 22, 1907, one-half day.

Mather District—Carrie F. Parker, assistant, Oct. 2, 1907, one-half day; and from Oct. 22, 1907 until Feb. 22, 1908.

Minot District—Mary E. Palmer, master's assistant, Oct. 22, 1907, one day.

Norcross District—Mary A. I. O'Brien, assistant, Sept. 30, 1907, one day.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Jennie G. J. Cox, assistant, Oct. 3, 4, and 7, 1907, three days.

Phillips District—Mary R. Kennedy, assistant, Oct. 16, 1907, one day; Leila M. Nicholl, assistant, Oct. 16 and 17, 1907, two days.

Prescott District—Katharine F. O'Brien, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1907 until Mar. 4, 1908.

Quincy District—Margaret E. Carey, assistant, Sept. 27, 1907, one-half day; Lillian D. Peirce, assistant, Sept. 11, 12 and 13, 1907, three days.

Roger Wolcott District—Louisa W. Burgess, first assistant in charge, Oct. 16, 1907, one-half day.

Sherwin District—Sarah E. Gould, assistant, Oct. 7, 1907, one-half day.

Shurtleff District—Catherine A. Dwyer, assistant, from Oct. 4, 1907 until Jan. 1, 1908.

Thomas N. Hart District—Alice M. Desmond, assistant, Oct. 3, 1907, one day.

Warren District—Anna D. Dalton, master's assistant, Oct. 9, 1907, one-half day; Rose M. Cole, assistant, Oct. 7, 1907, one day.

Washington District—Mary C. Locke, assistant, Oct. 15, 1907, one day; Gertrude H. Sullivan, assistant, Oct. 16 and 17, 1907, two days.

Wells District—Katherine A. Kiggen, assistant, from Oct. 16 until Dec. 16, 1907.

Approved.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for travel or rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified:

Franklin District—Gabrielle Abbot, assistant, from Nov. 6, 1907, until Apr. 1, 1908, for travel.

Rice District—Alice M. May, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1907, until Nov. 1, 1908, for rest.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers, without pay, for the terms specified:

High School of Commerce—Raymond G. Laird, master, Oct. 10, 1907, one day.

Everett District—Emily T. Kelleher, assistant, from Oct. 21, 1907, until Mar. 21, 1908.

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APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT, NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had appointed Mary E. Carney who has been duly certified by the Civil

Service Commission, as clerical assistant in the Normal School, to date from Oct. 22, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of forty-nine minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, and of one to be licensed to black boots.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of a minor to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.

Approved.

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SPECIAL CLASSES, BOWDOIN AND WELLS DISTRICTS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had discontinued the special class in the Bowdoin District and established a special class in the Wells District.

Approved, and the communication placed on file.

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ADDITIONAL UNGRADED CLASS, WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, reporting that he had established, subject to the approval of the Board, an additional ungraded class in the Washington District, making five in all.

Approved, and the communication placed on file.

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TELEPHONE SERVICE, NORMAL AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, in response to the order of the Board at its meeting of Sept. 23, 1907, requesting him to consider and report on the necessity and advisability of maintaining telephone service at the Normal School, and also with regard to a suitable allowance being made principals for telephone calls on school business, as follows:

First, the necessity of immediate and easy inter-communication between the different parts of the school system is very urgent. There should be free communication from one school to all the others and with headquarters. A school system maintained at an expense of approximately four million dollars per year is justified in requiring the telephone service outlined below. The proper solution lies in the establishment of a complete system of telephones with trunk line connections and with operators at the Mason Street Building. The cost of such equipment in 86 buildings with ten desk telephones at the Mason Street Building has been placed at $4247 annually. To this a thousand dollars a year for the salaries of operators should be added and some allowance for extra local calls. The total cost for the complete service would be approximately $6000 per year.

I urgently recommend that an appropriation of $6000 for this purpose be included in the budget for the next year.

Until such time as the above recommendation is put into effect, I deem it desirable that the present service in the Normal School be continued. This school promises to become increasingly a center of educational activity in the city. Its large lecture hall and convenient class rooms, together with its situation, will tend to make it a gathering place for meetings and conferences. It is likely that examinations held by the Board of Superintendents will be conducted at this school. The Director of Kindergartens has an office hour in the building. The Supervisor of Practice will be located there. Both of these officials need to be in free communication with all parts of the city. The present system of sending students to various parts of the city demands quick connection with different schools.

With reference to telephone tolls in the schools under the present system, I find that the returns show a wide difference of estimate as to the annual cost ranging from three dollars to forty-five dollars per school. It is undesirable that the principals be required to pay for this service.

I recommend that until the adoption and installation of the general system recommended above, the Business Agent be authorized to approve monthly telephone bills submitted by the masters.

Laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that the appointment of an additional stenographer and typewriter in his office is necessary, for the purpose of rendering assistance to directors and supervisors whose offices are in the School Committee Building, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the appointment of an additional stenographer and typewriter in the office of the Superintendent, for the purpose of rendering assistance to directors and supervisors whose offices are in the School Committee Building, is hereby authorized.

Placed on file, and the order passed.

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CAR TICKETS FOR NURSES; EYE GLASSES FOR CHILDREN.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, presenting a communication addressed to him by Dr. Margaret E. Carley, Supervising Nurse, as follows:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following petition: That two hundred (200) car tickets per week be provided for the nursing staff in order that the service may be more efficient. The nurse is frequently required to ride from one district to another and escort pupils to the several hospitals or dispensaries, entailing for her considerable expense which she is not able to sustain.

I wish also to bring to your notice the necessity for an immediate appropriation to provide eye glasses for needy children whom we find are absolutely unable to pay even the required fees of ten cents for drops, five cents for bottles, ten cents for shades, ten or fifteen cents for registration, and from one dollar and thirty-five cents to three dollars and thirty-five cents for glasses. Very many are unable to secure even ten cents for car fare. The following will illustrate the cost of taking a clinic of six children from any suburban district to the nearest hospital or dispensary:

Car fares, 60c.; registration fee, 60c.; medicine for eye, 25c.; eye shades, 60c.; total, $2.05.

A lamentable feature is that many children are being classed as backward or feeble-minded pupils when the actual trouble is uncorrected defective vision. Numerous cases, which were considered educationally hopeless, have been wonderfully benefited by the application of suitable glasses.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, that part of the foregoing communication relat-

ing to the furnishing of car tickets for the members of the nursing staff was approved, and the Auditor was authorized to issue not more than two hundred car tickets per week for that purpose.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, the remainder of the communication with reference to an appropriation to meet the cost of eye glasses and treatment for the eyes of needy children, was laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the aforesaid portion of the communication was taken from the table, and referred for consideration and report to the Committee of Oculists, appointed in pursuance of the order passed at the meeting of Apr. 8, 1907.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS AND THEIR HOUSING.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, containing a statement of the number of pupils in the public day schools as of Sept. 30, 1907, showing the increase or decrease in the number of pupils in each school or district as compared with the previous year, and of the housing of said pupils.

Placed on file.

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ADDITIONAL NURSE, EAST BOSTON SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that he had given careful consideration to the petition of the officers and directors of the Home Club of East Boston for the assignment of an additional nurse in the schools of that district, referred to him at the meeting of Oct. 7, 1907, and that provisions are now being made for an examination for the position of assistant nurse and for the enlargement of the nursing service, and that until these arrangements have been completed, it seems to him unwise to assign more nurses to the service.

Placed on file.

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ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND ATHLETICS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That an additional telephone be placed in the Mason-street Building for the use of the Director of Physical Training and Athletics.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN W. REGAN.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That John W. Regan, permanent substitute with the rank of assistant in the Charlestown High School, be paid from Sept. 1, 1907 to Sept. 11, 1907 (ten days) at the rate of ten hundred and forty-four dollars ($1044) per annum.

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ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT, ROBERT G. SHAW DISTRICT.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the appointment of an assistant in the Robert G. Shaw Elementary District, in excess of the number allowed by the rules, is hereby authorized because of the distance of the school at Germantown from the main school building.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules

APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION OF STACY B. SOUTHWORTH.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the appointment of Stacy B. Southworth as an instructor in the Public Latin School to date from September 11, 1907, and approved under a suspension of the rules at the meeting of the School Committee, September 30, 1907, is hereby rescinded.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the acceptance of the resignation of Stacy B. Southworth, submaster in the Charles Sumner School, to date from September 11, 1907, tendered at the meeting of the School Committee held October 7, 1907, is hereby rescinded.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR, EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the appointment of Edith Rose as assistant instructor in the East Boston High School, to date from Oct. 16, 1907, is hereby authorized.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That three rooms in the Public Latin School be opened for use in connection with the Central Evening High School for such time during the term of 1907-1908 as this additional accommodation may be needed.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCHES OF EVENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR CLASSES IN INDUSTRIAL SUBJECTS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That for the season of 1907-1908, a branch of the Comins Evening Elementary School be established in the Farragut School-house, that a branch of the Warren Evening Elementary School be established in the Harvard School-house, and that a branch of the Bigelow Evening Elementary School be established in the Drake School-house, for classes in industrial subjects.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, recommending that section 441, paragraph 2 of the regulations be amended by striking out in the twenty-first line the words "assistant superintendent" and substituting in place thereof the words:—chief truant officer,—so that said paragraph will read as follows:

2. They shall endeavor, by persuasion and argument, both with children and with their parents and guardians, and by other means than legal compulsion, to secure the observance of the school attendance laws, visiting children at their homes or places of employment, and looking after them in the streets for this purpose. Failing by such means to secure the required school attendance of any child, the officer concerned shall file with the chief truant officer a written statement, giving the name, age and residence of the child, the names of the parents or guardians of such child; and, in case of truancy, the name of the school attended by such child, the name of the teacher, and the number of instances of supposed truancy during the three months preceding the filing of the statement. Thereupon, the chief truant officer shall report the same to the as-

sistant superintendent in charge of the school which such child attends, who, with the principal of the district, shall consider the advisability of placing such child in a disciplinary class, and if such action be deemed not advisable, the chief truant officer may, in his discretion, authorize legal proceedings against such child.

Laid over.

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WRITING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, in response to the order of the Board at the meeting of June 25, 1907, requesting them to report fully on the subject of writing in the public schools as early as practicable in the fall, submitting the following report:

We now have on the list several copy books differing but slightly, and each master selects the one that to him seems best suited to his particular school. It seems advisable to try an entirely different method as an experiment in a portion of the city and the Board therefore recommends that "The Palmer Method of Business Writing" be tried in the East Boston schools for one year, beginning January 1, 1908.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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AMENDMENTS TO ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 17, 1907, reporting the death of Margaret M. Burke, whose name appears in School Document No. 9, 1907, Second List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers, page 32,—Sewing Certificates (Examined Candidates).

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, submitting the following additional list of special assistant, day high school candidates, rated by that Board on the results of the examination held Sept. 27, 1907.

These names should be inserted in the published list,—School Document No. 9, 1907, page 13, at the points indicated by the respective ratings:

Special Assistants, Day High Schools.

Rating.	Name.	Certificate Expires
805	Delia J. Hayden	June 30, 1913
740	Margaret L. Ryan	June 30, 1913
690	Belle Ballou	June 30, 1913

Placed on file.

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SUPPLIES FOR MANUAL TRAINING, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 17, 1907, recommending that the Auditor be directed to furnish supplies for the work in manual training in high schools suitable for the course of study conducted therein.

Placed on file.

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REMOVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE TO PATRICK A. COLLINS BUILDING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, reporting the removal of the High School of Commerce, formerly located in the Winthrop-street and Old Dearborn School-houses, to the Patrick A. Collins School Building, on Oct. 14, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATION OF A JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, enclosing the resignation of John J. Dignon as janitor of the Winthrop-street School-house, to date from Oct. 14, 1907.

The communication was placed on file, and the resignation accepted.

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EXPENDITURE FOR CLEANERS, NORMAL SCHOOL GROUP OF BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that he had found it necessary to employ several cleaners in the Normal School Group of Buildings, from Oct. 7 to 17, 1907, inclusive, and recommending that they receive compensation therefor at the rate of $.20 per hour.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to expend the sum of fifty and 40-100 dollars ($50.40) for the services of cleaners employed under the direction of the Schoolhouse Custodian at the Normal School Group of Buildings, from Oct. 7 to 17, 1907, inclusive.

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SALARY OF JANITOR, NORMAL SCHOOL GROUP OF BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, recommending that the salary of Michael J. Crowley, janitor of the Normal School Group of Buildings, be established at the rate of $7000 per annum, to date from Oct. 14, 1907, until such time as the areas of said buildings are certified.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the compensation of the janitor of the Normal School Group of Buildings is hereby established at the rate of seven thousand dollars ($7000) per annum, to date from October 14, 1907, and to continue until such time as the areas of said buildings are duly certified and approved by this Board.

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JANITORSHIP, JEFFERSON SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Jefferson School-house, and recommending the transfer of Patrick J. Riordan, janitor of the Girls' Latin School-house, who stands at the head of said list, to the position, to date from Oct. 14, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the transfer of Patrick J. Riordan to said position was approved from the date stated.

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JANITORSHIP, SHARP SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 10, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Sharp School-house he had appointed Philip Maguire for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 9, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 19, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Sharp School-house,

he had reappointed Philip Maguire for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 19, 1907.
Approved.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that John J. Murphy, janitor of the Cook School-house, is the only janitor already in the service who desires to be transferred to the vacancy in the janitorship of the Sharp School-house, and recommending that he be transferred to that position, to date from Oct. 23, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the transfer of John J. Murphy to said position was approved from the date stated.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates eligible for appointment to the janitorship of the Cook School-house.

PAYMENT TO PHILIP MAGUIRE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 19, 1907, recommending the payment of $16.67 to Philip Maguire, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from Oct. 9 to 18, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Philip Maguire the sum of sixteen and 67-100 dollars ($16.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from Oct. 9 to 18, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP, PIERPONT SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 17, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Pierpont School-house caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Alicia Fleming for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 17, 1907.
Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, recommending that John J. Norton, janitor of the Tyler-street School-house, be appointed also to the position of janitor of the Pierpont School-house, to date from Oct. 23, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of John J. Norton as aforesaid was approved, from the date stated.

PAYMENT TO ALICIA FLEMING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 17, 1907, recommending the payment of $8.67 to Alicia Fleming, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Pierpont School-house from Oct. 7 to 16, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Alicia Fleming the sum of eight and 67-100 dollars ($8.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Pierpont School-house, from Oct. 7 to 16, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP OF THE OLIVER HAZARD PERRY PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 57.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that Portable School-house No. 57, formerly located in the yard of the John A. Andrew School, has been moved to the yard of the Oliver Hazard Perry School, and recommending that Thomas M. Hogan, janitor of the main building be appointed janitor of said portable building, to date from Oct. 22, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Thomas M. Hogan to said position was approved, to date from Oct. 22, 1907.

JANITORSHIP, PLUMMER PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES NOS. 93, 94, 95 and 96.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that Portable School-houses, Nos. 93, 94, 95 and 96, located in the yard of the Plummer School, are ready for occupancy, and recommending that John H. Crafts, janitor of the main building, be appointed janitor of these portable buildings, to date from Oct. 23, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of John H. Crafts to said position was approved, to date from Oct. 23, 1907.

SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from Sept. 24 to Oct. 21, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF A JANITOR AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 8, 1907, enclosing an application from Samuel A. Dodds, janitor of the Tuckerman School-house, for appointment as special police officer.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Secretary was authorized to make the proper application for the appointment of said janitor as a special police officer.

HEATING OF PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 21, 1907, stating that he had received several complaints from the Head-Master of the Public Latin School, with regard to the manner in which that building has been heated in the past, and giving instances when it has been necessary to dismiss classes because of the low temperature of the building.
Laid over.

SESSIONS OF SCHOOL ON SPECTACLE ISLAND.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to vary the hours of the daily sessions of the School on Spectacle Island as he may deem expedient to meet existing conditions at said school.

CERTIFICATION OF PAY ROLLS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to certify to the correctness of the pay rolls due Nov. 1, 1907.

CARMEN STREET CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES SCHOOL.

A petition was received from Joseph P. Dever and nine others, residents of Carmen street, Ward 20, stating that they are obliged to send their children to the Christopher Gibson School instead of the Oliver Wendell Holmes School; that the line drawn between the two districts as applied to Carmen street is inequitable and inconvenient; that the walking to the Oliver Wendell Holmes School is much better than to the Christopher Gibson School; and requesting that they be allowed to send their children to the former school.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report as to the advisability of changing the boundary lines of the Christopher Gibson and Oliver Wendell Holmes Districts in order to meet the wishes of the petitioners.

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CLASS IN IRISH HISTORY, LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE, COMINS EVENING SCHOOL.

A communication was received from M. J. Mulroy, under date of Oct. 11, 1907, with regard to the use of a room in the Comins School-house during the current evening school term for a class in Irish history, literature and language.

Referred to the Superintendent for attention.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny in the chair.

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USE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES FOR BASKET BALL GAMES.

An application was received from W. W. Cronin, on behalf of the South Boston High School Alumni, under date of Oct. 14, 1907, for the use of the South Boston High School-house on Friday evenings during the winter months, for match basket ball contests.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report at the next meeting of the Board.

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On motion of the same member, similar applications received at the meeting of Sept. 30, 1907, from Joseph A. Lally and H. Bradlee Fenno were taken from the table, and also referred to the Superintendent.

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REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS MEN, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the committee appointed by the School Board to act as an advisory committee in connection with the High School of Commerce be invited to present a report on the present condition of the school and its progress since it was established by this Board.

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Mr. Storrow resumed the chair.

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ALLOWANCE FOR PERISHABLE GOODS, SCHOOLS OF COOKERY.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the following order offered by the Superintendent at the meeting of Sept. 5, 1907, was taken from the table:

ORDERED, That the expenditure of a sum not exceeding twelve dollars ($12) per month for each school of cookery, for perishable goods, is hereby authorized for the school year 1907-08.

On motion of the same member, the order passed.

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RESIGNATION AND ELECTION OF BUSINESS AGENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the communication received from William J. Smith at the meeting of Sept. 9, 1907, tendering his resignation as Business Agent, was taken from the table, and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, Mr. Smith's resignation was accepted, to take effect Dec. 15, 1907, or at such earlier date as he desires to terminate his services as Business Agent.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board proceeded to the election of a Business Agent, whose term of office shall begin on Dec. 15, 1907.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to call the roll, and the members as their names were called respectively stated that they voted as follows:

FOR WILLIAM T. KEOUGH:—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, and Storrow—5.

The Chairman declared William T. Keough unanimously elected to the position of Business Agent, to date from Dec. 15, 1907.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT LOSS OF PAY.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That leave of absence without loss of pay is hereby granted to Annie L. Bennett, an assistant in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, from Nov. 4, 1907, to Nov. 18, 1907, inclusive, for the purpose of visiting similar institutions at the expense of the School Committee.

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SIGNALS FOR SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL SESSIONS ON STORMY DAYS.

The Chairman presented a communication received by him from G. A. Danielson, under date of Oct. 4, 1907, suggesting that in addition to the giving of the bell signal for the suspension of school sessions on stormy days, a flag to indicate such suspension be displayed on the flag poles of the various school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Schoolhouse Custodian for consideration and report.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board then went into executive session.

The doors were opened.

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MATRON, BIGELOW EVENING SCHOOL.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Mary J. Slattery as matron in the Bigelow Evening School for the term of 1907-08, to date from Oct. 14, 1907, was approved.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 12:08 o'clock A.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Nov. 4, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPOINTMENT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, withdrawing the appointment of Stella F. Thomas as assistant, on probation, fourth year, in the Dudley District, she having declined to accept the same.

Placed on file.

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APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the last meeting, with the exception of the appointment of Stella F. Thomas as assistant in the Dudley District, which had previously been withdrawn.

The appointments, with the foregoing exception, were approved.

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LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston,
In Board of Aldermen, October 28, 1907.

ORDERED: That the School Committee be requested by this board to consider the advisability of locating the new Commercial High School in the vicinity of the Dudley-street Elevated Station, Ward 17.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:
John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file.

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RINGING OF BELLS FOR NO SESSION SIGNAL, CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston,
In Common Council, October 17th, 1907.

ORDERED: That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the bells in the Charlestown District to be rung on occasions when there is to be no session of school on account of storm, etc.

In Common Council, Oct. 17, 1907.
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.
William J. Barrett, President.

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
Oct. 21, 1907.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

Referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

REMOVAL OF PORTABLE NO. 57 TO OLIVER HAZARD PERRY SCHOOL YARD.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Oct. 22, 1907, stating that Portable Schoolhouse No. 57, formerly located in the yard of the John A. Andrew School, has been moved to the yard of the Oliver Hazard Perry School, and was occupied for school purposes on Oct. 22, 1907.

Placed on file.

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DISCONTINUANCE OF USE OF VESTRY, FANEUIL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Nov. 1, 1907, stating that the vestry of the Faneuil Congregational Church, in the Bennett District, hired for the use of a kindergarten class, at the rate of $50 per month, was vacated and the premises delivered up on Oct. 31, 1907.

Placed on file.

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HOBART-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under dates of Oct. 22 and Nov. 1, 1907, stating that the two room addition to the Hobart-street School in the Bennett District has been completed and was occupied Oct. 31, 1907, for school purposes by the kindergarten class, removed from the vestry of the Faneuil Congregational Church, in one room, the other room being occupied by children of the fourth and fifth grades.

Placed on file.

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DEATH.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teacher, which occurred on the date stated:—

Shurtleff District—Catherine A. Dwyer, assistant, Nov. 2, 1907.

Placed on file.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

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(To Retire from the Service.)

Agassiz District—Sara D. Davidson, assistant, Oct. 25, 1907.

Longfellow District—L. Idalia Provan, assistant, Nov. 22, 1907; Laura L. Stewart, assistant, kindergarten, Nov. 1, 1907.

Lyman District—Adelaide R. Porter, assistant, Nov. 12, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Katherine C. Nickels, assistant; Julia T. A. Maloy, first assistant, kindergarten; Nov. 11, 1907.

Winthrop District—Teresa M. Sullivan, assistant, Oct. 25, 1907.

Nurse—Ellen C. MacAdam, assistant, Nov. 1, 1907.

Accepted.

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(To Accept Promotion in the Service.)

Martin District—Isabel M. Wier, first assistant, grammar school, Oct. 14, 1907.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bennett District—Mary R. Quinn, from Oct. 28 until Nov. 18, 1907, inclusive.

Christopher Gibson District—Gertrude A. A'Hearn, from Oct. 28, 1907.
Dudley District—Mary L. Veazie, from Nov. 11, 1907.
Everett District—Nellie F. Sheehan, from Oct. 29 until Nov. 4, 1907, inclusive, five days.
Gaston District—Mary F. O'Neil, from Oct. 14 to 18, 1907, inclusive.
Gilbert Stuart District—Sibylla R. Crawford, kindergarten, from Oct. 24, 1907.
Jefferson District—Marion E. Killion, from Oct. 28, 1907.
Longfellow District—Katherine A. Daly, kindergarten, from Nov. 1, 1907.
Lowell District—Alice E. McMurrough, from Nov. 5 to 8, 1907, inclusive, four days.
Mary Hemenway District—Eileene R. Tewksbury, from Nov. 4, 1907.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Agnes G. Cotter, from Oct. 21 to 25, 1907, inclusive, five days; Josephine A. Merrick, from Oct. 14, 1907.
Rice District—Helen M. Connelly, from Nov. 5 to 18, 1907, inclusive.
Shurtleff District—Annie E. Flood, from Sept. 17 until Oct. 21, 1907, inclusive.
Thomas Gardner District—Bertha E. Davis, from Oct. 1 to 21, 1907, inclusive.
Washington District—Lillian G. Norris, from Nov. 5 to 18, 1907, inclusive.
Winthrop District—Elizabeth M. McDermott, from Oct. 28 until Nov. 18, 1907, inclusive.
Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Everett District—Margaret A. F. Cotter, assistant, from Oct. 21, 1907.
Nurse—Agnes I. Quirk, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1907.
Placed on file.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bowdoin District—Frances A. Neilson, assistant, from Nov. 25, 1907, until Jan. 28, 1908.
Martin District—Maurice J. O'Brien, submaster, from Nov. 11, 1907.
Mary Hemenway District—Mary H. Seavey, assistant, from Nov. 11 until Dec. 3, 1907.
Cookery—Gertrude A. Power, teacher, on half-time, from Nov. 18, 1907.
Manual Training—Mary T. Baker, assistant instructor, from Nov. 25, 1907.
Nurse—Annie M. Walsh, assistant, from Nov. 18, 1907.
Laid on the table.
Subsequently, the aforesaid reappointments were taken from the table and approved.

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Mechanic Arts High School—Louis R. Wells, instructor, from Nov. 11, 1907.
Bennett District—Mary R. Quinn, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Blackinton District—Mary L. Place, assistant, fourth year, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Dearborn District—Mary L. Kelly, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Franklin District—Teresa A. Tehan, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Gaston District—Irene M. Walsh, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Lyman District—Harriet L. Jewell, assistant, fourth year, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Grace V. Walsh, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Quincy District—A. Teresa Fennelly, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Rice District—Helen M. Connelly, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—Bertha C. Quinnam, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Washington District—Lillian G. Norris, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Wells District—Lena H. Romberg, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Winthrop District—Elizabeth M. McDermott, assistant, from Nov. 19, 1907.
Laid over.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Girls' Latin School—Fred H. Cowan, junior-master.
English High School—John E. Denham, instructor.
Agassiz District—Caroline N. Poole, master's assistant.
Bowditch District—Edna F. Hawes, assistant, kindergarten.
Christopher Gibson District—Rose E. A. Redding, first assistant in charge; Agnes G. Strong, assistant.
Henry L. Pierce District—Keziah J. Anslow, first assistant in charge.
Mather District—Mary E. Vogel, assistant.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Grace Hall, first assistant in charge.
Prescott District—Annie C. Forbes, assistant.
Thomas Gardner District—Mary E. Cosgrove, assistant.
William E. Russell District—Mary K. Corbett, assistant.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Central High School—William J. Henderson, laboratory assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907; Harry L. Lurie, laboratory assistant, from Oct. 25, 1907; Agnes C. Strebeigh, assistant (in class in nursing), from Oct. 22, 1907;
Charlestown High School—Edson L. Ford, assistant, from Oct. 21, 1907; Roger A. Powers, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907; Anna M. Galvin, special assistant, typewriting, from Oct. 21, 1907.
Roxbury High School—Carrie L. Barker, assistant, from Oct. 28, 1907; Frederic B. Hall, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907; Lewis I. Nurenberg, laboratory assistant, from Oct. 21, 1907.
South Boston High School—C. Ross Appler, assistant (in penmanship), from Oct. 28, 1907; Mary M. Connor, pianist, from Nov. 4, 1907.
Bowdoin School—Alice M. Colbert, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907; Clara Rowley, assistant, from Oct. 28, 1907.
Comins School—Ellen M. Finnerty, assistant, from Oct. 14, 1907; Mary T. Lynch, assistant, from Oct. 23, 1907; Gertrude P. Stephan, assistant, from Oct. 23, 1907.
Eliot School—Susie J. McCloskey, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Franklin School—Grace E. Lalley, assistant, from Oct. 30, 1907.
Lincoln School—Alma Boodro, assistant, from Oct. 28, 1907; Mary S. Damon, assistant, from Oct. 23, 1907.
Warren School—Emily M. H. Thomas, assistant; Alfred J. Markowitz, interpreter, from Oct. 28, 1907.
Wells School—Mary H. Healey, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
Approved.

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Subsequently, the following appointment was reported by the Superintendent, as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, and an order of the Board passed Nov. 4, 1907:
South Boston Evening High School—Paul Murphy, special teacher, from Nov. 5, 1907.
Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Bennett District—Fanny M. Joy, assistant, to the same position in the Agassiz District, from Oct. 28, 1907.
Bowdoin District—Ambrosine Salsbury, assistant in charge of a special class, on

probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Wells District, from Nov. 1, 1907.

Dudley District—Lucy E. Low, assistant, kindergarten, to the same position in the Roger Wolcott District, from Nov. 11, 1907.

Christopher Columbus Evening School—Katherine McNamara, assistant, to the same position in the Wells Evening School, from Oct. 30, 1907; Samuel Starr, interpreter, to the same position in the Franklin Evening School, from Oct. 21, 1907.

Warren Evening School—Mary J. O'Neil, assistant, to the same position in the Bowdoin Evening School, from Oct. 31, 1907.

Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST FOR EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High Schools—Assistants.

Henry W. B. Arnold, Henry S. Ashton, William B. Carpenter, Owen D. Evans, Frederic B. Hall, Margaret F. Keenan, John A. Marsh, Jorgen C. Peterson.

Evening Elementary Schools—Assistants.

Gertrude A. A'Hearn, Alma Boodro, Helen T. Carmody, Rebecca E. Carson, Alice M. Colbert, Agnes G. Cotter, Elinor G. Cowan, Horace B. Dean, Rose M. Driscoll, Teresa E. Driscoll, Adalena H. Dudley, Lavina M. Grimes, Mary H. Healey, Harriet L. Jewell, Grace E. Lalley, Mary T. Lynch, Hannah E. McDonough, Margaret E. McMahon, Alice E. McMurrough, Adelaide G. Nelson, Nellie F. Sheehan, Gertrude P. Stephan, Emily M. H. Thomas, Irene M. Walsh.

Approved.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Adams District—(Plummer No. 2 Kindergarten), Esther Anderson, from Oct. 11, 1907.

Comins District—(Columbus-avenue Kindergarten), Janetta Oldham, from Sept. 11 until Oct. 9, 1907, and from Oct. 28, 1907; (Cottage-place Kindergarten), Josephine E. Haley, from Sept. 11 to 16, 1907, and from Oct. 28, 1907; (Smith-street No. 1 Kindergarten), Nora A. Higgins, from Sept. 12, 1907; (Smith-street No. 2 Kindergarten), Hilda Schnabel, from Sept. 11 to 23, 1907, and from Oct. 28, 1907.

Eliot District—(Christopher Columbus Kindergarten), Louisa Garibotti, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Hugh O'Brien District—(Portable No. 7 Kindergarten), Mary McNamara, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Lewis District—(Sarah J. Baker Kindergarten), Maude Williamson, from Nov. 4, 1907.

Shurtleff District—(Bird Kindergarten), Lucy Thurston, from Oct. 28, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—(Everett Kindergarten), Margaret E. Finnegan, from Nov. 4, 1907.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Girls' High School—Esther L. Sanborn, assistant, Sept. 20, 1907, one day; Helen Torrey, special assistant instructor, Oct. 21 and 22, 1907, and Oct. 28 and 29, 1907, four days.

Chapman District—Calista W. McLeod, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1907, until Mar. 1, 1908.

Eliot District—Ida E. Malaney, assistant, Oct. 21, 1907, one-half day.

Emerson District—Charlotte G. Ray, assistant, Oct. 23, 1907, one-half day; Mary L. Sweeney, assistant, Nov. 1, 1907, one-half day.

George Putnam District—Minnie E. Farnsworth, assistant, from Oct. 1 until Nov. 4, 1907.

Hancock District—Marian A. Dogherty, assistant, Oct. 23, 1907, one day; Bertha M. Druley, first assistant, kindergarten, from Oct. 22 to 28, 1907, five days.

Jefferson District—Mary M. Phelan, assistant, Oct. 28, 1907, one-half day.

Lowell District—Mary C. Crowley, assistant, Oct. 25, 1907, one day; Amy W. Watkins, assistant, Oct. 28, 1907, one-half day.

Mary Hemenway District—Anna E. Leahy, assistant, Oct. 15, 1907, one day.

Mather District—Ella J. Costello, assistant, Oct. 30, 1907, one day.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Katharine J. McMahan, assistant, Oct. 30, 1907, one day; Bertha E. Richardson, first assistant, kindergarten, Oct. 18, 1907, one day; Elsie M. Gannon, assistant, kindergarten, Oct. 30, 1907, one day.

Phillips Brooks District—Alice J. Sughrue, first assistant, kindergarten, Oct. 30, 1907, one day.

Prescott District—Mary R. Fitzgerald, assistant, Oct. 30, 1907, one day; Margaret M. Whalen, assistant, Oct. 16, 1907, one day.

Prince District—E. Bentley Young, master, from Nov. 1, 1907, until Feb. 1, 1908; E. Isabelle Bense, assistant, Oct. 24, 1907, one-half day.

Rice District—Clara C. Dunn, assistant, from Oct. 7 to 17, 1907, seven days.

Robert G. Shaw District—Anna L. Maguire, assistant, Oct. 23, 1907, one-half day.

Warren District—Alice Hall, assistant, Oct. 17, 18 and 21, 1907, three days; Ellen M. O'Connor, assistant, Oct. 28, 1907, one-half day; Georgietta Sawyer, assistant, Oct. 28, 1907, one-half day.

Wells District—Orlendo W. Dimick, master, Oct. 24, 1907, one-half day; Adelaide E. Badger, assistant, Oct. 22, 1907, one-half day; Carrie M. Cogswell, assistant, Oct. 18, 1907, one-half day; Gertrude M. Dimick, assistant, Oct. 24, 1907, one-half day.

William E. Russell District—Charlotte K. Holmes, assistant, Oct. 22 to 25, 1907, three and one-half days; Sarah E. McMahan, assistant, Oct. 1, 1907, one day; Mabel A. Woodward, assistant, Oct. 17, 1907, one day.

Cookery—Mary C. Mitchell, teacher, Oct. 16, 1907, one-half day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher, from Nov. 4, 1907, until Mar. 4, 1908:

Gaston District—Juliette R. Hayward, master's assistant.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE RESCINDED.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, stating that certain teachers who had previously been granted leave of absence find that they are unable to avail themselves of such leave, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the action of the School Committee on May 27, 1907, whereby Parnell S. Murray, an assistant in the Girls' High School, was granted leave of absence for travel and rest from Nov. 14, 1907, to Sept. 1, 1908, and Sarah E. Potter, an assistant in the Girls' High School, was granted leave of absence for travel and study from Nov. 16, 1907, to Sept. 1, 1908, is hereby rescinded. Also, that the action of the School Committee on Oct. 7, 1907, whereby Edith T. Sears, special instructor of physical training, was granted leave of absence to travel from Nov. 15, 1907, to Sept. 1, 1908, is hereby rescinded.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of thirty-six minors to be licensed to sell newspapers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

USE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES FOR BASKET BALL GAMES.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, with reference to sundry applications for the use of high school halls for basket ball games and practice by other than high school pupils, referred to him at the last meeting for consideration and report, stating that he favors the largest possible extension of the use of school buildings for educational purposes, but does not feel that basket ball contests conducted by organizations not under the control of the School Committee may fairly be considered educational, and recommending, therefore, that such applications be not granted.

The communication was placed on file, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

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SUPPLIES FOR MANUAL TRAINING WORK, EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, submitting an itemized statement of materials and tools needed for manual training work in the East Boston High School, the furnishing of which was recommended by the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 17, 1907, in a communication received and placed on file at the last meeting of the Board.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to furnish the East Boston High School with materials for manual training work as specified in a communication from the Superintendent under date of Nov. 4, 1907, at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100).

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had appointed Elizabeth M. Brennan as an assistant in his office, to date from Nov. 6, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:—

ORDERED, That the provision of paragraph 8, section 296 of Chapter XIII. of the regulations, limiting the employment of men day school teachers in evening schools, is hereby suspended for the evening school term 1907-08, in the case of teachers of commercial branches in evening high schools, in the discretion of the Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

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APPROVAL OF FREE EVENING INDUSTRIAL DRAWING SCHOOLS BY COMMISSION OF INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the attention of the Commission on Industrial Education, established by Chapter 505 of the Acts of 1906, be called to the free evening industrial drawing schools maintained by the city of Boston, and that said Commission be requested to visit and inspect said schools and to approve the location, and the courses of study and methods of instruction pursued in said schools, or to suggest such changes therein as it may deem necessary to secure such approval; and that said Commission be further requested to make such recommendations as it may deem advisable to the end that the Commonwealth shall aid in the maintenance of said schools in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of said Act.

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SUSPENSION OF EVENING SCHOOL SESSIONS ON NOV. 29, 1907.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the sessions of the evening schools be suspended on Friday, November 29, 1907.

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TEMPORARY USE OF BRIMMER SCHOOL-HOUSE BY QUINCY EVENING SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the opening of the Brimmer School-house for evening school purposes on thirteen nights in October, when the Quincy School was closed, is hereby approved; and that on such nights during the remainder of the term as may be necessary by reason of the closing of the Quincy School-house for repairs, the Brimmer School-house may be opened for the accommodation of the Quincy Evening School.

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TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR QUINCY SCHOOL PUPILS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the Chairman of the Board and the Superintendent be requested, in conference with the Schoolhouse Commission, to determine what measures had best be taken to furnish temporary accommodations for pupils formerly occupying the Quincy School-house, pending the completion of repairs on said building.

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SPECIAL TEACHERS IN EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS, TERM OF 1907-08.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That during the term of 1907-08 special teachers may be appointed in any evening high school instead of regular assistants to which any such school may be entitled under the regulations, such special teachers to hold certificates entitling them to serve as assistants in evening high schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the compensation of special teachers in evening high schools is hereby established at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) for each evening of actual service during the term of 1907-08.

Passed.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 25, 1907, recommending that the rules be amended as follows:

Section 139, paragraph XI. Special. Insert after the words "assistant directors" in the first paragraph the word:—supervisors. Strike out, after the word "directors" in the second line of the second paragraph the word "and" and insert in the same line, after the words "assistant directors" the words:—and supervisors, so that these paragraphs will read as follows:

XI. Special: To directors, assistant directors, supervisors, and teachers of special studies, and of special schools, to

industrial assistants of day high schools, and to special assistants of day high schools.

The requirements for this certificate are: For directors, assistant directors, and supervisors; such as the board of superintendents may determine. For certificates in special studies valid in day high schools; evidence of three years' successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine. For special certificates valid in other schools, for industrial assistants of day high schools, and for special assistants of day high schools; evidence of one year's successful experience in teaching and governing schools of such grade or grades as the board of superintendents may determine, or graduation from the Boston Normal School and completion of special course therein.

Laid over.

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A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Oct. 25, 1907, recommending that the rules be amended as follows:—

Section 141, paragraph 1. Strike out the paragraph and substitute in place thereof the following:—

Sect. 141. 1. Certificates of qualification shall be signed by the superintendent and by the secretary of the board of superintendents, and no certificate shall be signed in blank.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the rules were suspended, and paragraph 1 of section 141 of the rules was amended to conform to the foregoing recommendation of the Board of Superintendents.

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TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS, LATIN, ELEMENTARY AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, recommending the adoption of certain text-books in high and elementary schools, and of one book for supplementary use in the Normal School.

Placed on file.

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Mr. Brock offered the following:—

ORDERED, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, the following-named books are hereby authorized for use as text-books in high schools:

Xenophon's Cyropaedia (Teubner text).

Deutscher Liederschatz, by Ludwig Erk and Max Friedlaender, published by C. F. Peters, London.

Sesenheim, by Goethe, edited by H. C. O. Huss, published by D. C. Heath.

Final de Norma, by Alarcon, Cortinas edition, published by William R. Jenkins, New York.

Flores de Espana, by Fontaine, published by the American Book Company.

Cuentos Alegres, by Lues Tabvada, published by D. C. Heath.

Los Puritanos, by Valdes, published by William R. Jenkins, New York.

Outlines & Studies to Accompany Myers's Ancient History; A Students' Notebook, by Florence M. Leadbetter, published by Ginn & Company.

A General History of Commerce, by William Clarence Webster, published by Ginn & Company.

National Note Book Sheets for Laboratory Work in Physics, by George M. Turner and C. Brooks Hersey, published by the L. E. Knott Apparatus Company.

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ORDERED, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, The Palmer Method of Business Writing, by A. N. Palmer, published by The A. N. Palmer Company, Cedar Rapids, Ia., is hereby authorized for use as a text-book in elementary schools.

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ORDERED, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Superintendents, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, The Human Mechanism; Its Physiology and Hygiene and the Sanitation of Its Surroundings, by Theodore Hough and William T. Sedgwick, published by Ginn & Company, is hereby authorized for use as a supplementary book in the Normal School.

Laid over.

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JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Cook School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Lulu Moore for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 23, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Cook School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had reappointed Lulu Moore for a period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 2, 1907.

Approved.

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A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Oct. 21, 1907, reporting that the following-named persons have been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment as janitor of the Cook School-house: Francis L. Butler, Joel Sargent, and John A. Downey.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, stating that he had interviewed the candidates certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment to the janitorship of the Cook School-house, that Francis L. Butler, who stands number one on the list, declines to be considered, and recommending the appointment of Joel Sargent, the second on the list, to the position, to date from Nov. 7, 1907.

Placed on file, and the appointment of Joel Sargent to the janitorship of the Cook School-house was approved, to date from Nov. 7, 1907.

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PAYMENT TO LULU MOORE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $13 to Lulu Moore, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Oct. 23 to Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Lulu Moore the sum of thirteen dollars ($13) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Oct. 23 to Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, HARRIS SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 24, 1907, reporting the death of John Buckpitt, janitor of the Harris School-house, which occurred on Oct. 23, 1907.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 24, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Harris School-house, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had appointed John Merrill for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 24, 1907.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Harris School-house, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had reappointed John Merrill, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 3, 1907.
Approved.

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A petition was received from N. H. Whittemore, master, and nine others, teachers in the Harris School, under date of Oct. 28, 1907, requesting that John Merrill be appointed janitor of the Harris School-house, on account of his faithful service in that position under the direction of the late John Buckpitt.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Harris School-house, and recommending the transfer of Denis J. Wilson, janitor of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, who stands at the head of said list, to the position, to date from Nov. 7, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the transfer of Denis J. Wilson to said position was approved from the date stated.

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PAYMENT TO JOHN MERRILL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $24.33 to John Merrill, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Harris School-house, from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to John Merrill the sum of twenty-four and 33-100 dollars ($24.33) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Harris School-house, from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 24, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Thomas Brennan for a period of ten days or less, to date from Oct. 24, 1907.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had reappointed Thomas Brennan for a period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 3, 1907.
Approved.

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PAYMENT TO THOMAS BRENNAN.

A communciation was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $13.33 to Thomas Brennan, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Thomas Brennan the sum of thirteen and 33-100 dollars ($13.33) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO PHILIP MAGUIRE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $6.66 to Philip Maguire, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from Oct. 19 to 22, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Philip Maguire the sum of six and 66-100 dollars ($6.66) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Sharp School-house, from Oct. 19 to 22, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO ALICIA FLEMING.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $5.20 to Alicia Fleming, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Pierpont School-house, from Oct. 17 to 22, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Alicia Fleming the sum of five and 20-100 dollars ($5.20) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Pierpont School-house, from Oct. 17 to 22, 1907, inclusive.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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KEYS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES FOR EVENING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 4, 1907, enclosing a communication from the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools, requesting that evening school principals be furnished with keys to the buildings in which their schools are located.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Custodian is hereby authorized to issue to the principal of each evening school who may so request, a key to the building which his school occupies, which keys shall be collected by the Custodian at the close of each term of the evening schools, and be retained by him until the beginning of the following term of such schools.

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APPOINTMENT OF A JANITOR AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov.

4, 1907, enclosing an application of Edward Sullivan, Jr., janitor of the Way-street School-house, for appointment as special police officer.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was authorized to make the usual application for the appointment of the aforesaid janitor as a special police officer.

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RECERTIFICATION OF AREAS, HOBART-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Oct. 7, 1907, submitting a recertification of the areas of the Hobart-street School-house, upon which the salary of the janitor of the building is to be based, in consequence of the addition of two class rooms and a change in the heating apparatus making this a class B instead of a class C building.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the Chairman was authorized to approve the aforesaid recertification to take effect Oct. 30, 1907.

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APPOINTMENT OF MATRONS, EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That pending the investigation and report of the Board of Superintendents on the question of employing matrons in the evening schools, the following-named persons, who have previously been employed in that capacity, be reappointed for the term 1907-08, as follows:—

Central Evening High School, Margaret Mountain.

South Boston Evening High School, Margaret F. Sullivan.

Charlestown Evening High School, Catherine A. Dunn.

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COMPENSATION OF MATRONS, EVENING SCHOOLS, TERM OF 1907-08.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the compensation of matrons employed in evening schools during the term 1907-08 be established at the rate of one and 50-100 dollars ($1.50) for each evening of actual service.

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NAMING OF SCHOOL-HOUSE FOR ROBERT SWAN.

A petition was received from the Winthrop School Association, under date of Oct. 27, 1907, requesting the Board to consider the desirability of naming a new school-house the Robert Swan School, in honor of the former master of the Winthrop School.

Placed on file.

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ADDITIONAL NURSE, EAST BOSTON SCHOOLS.

A petition was received from the officers and members of the Parents' League of East Boston for the appointment of an additional nurse in the schools of that district.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform said League of the report of the Superintendent received at the meeting of Oct. 21, 1907, with reference to a similar petition.

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

A petition was received from William H. Potter and thirteen other residents in the Aberdeen District, under date of Oct. 23, 1907, that the city assume the cost of tuition of their children in the Brookline Schools, and that they be granted a hearing on their petition.

Laid over to the next meeting, and the Secretary directed to notify said petitioners that the Board will then grant a hearing in accordance with their request.

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AUDITOR TO ASSUME DUTIES OF BUSINESS AGENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby requested and authorized to assume the duties of the Business Agent in addition to his own until December 15, 1907.

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APPROVAL OF PAY ROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the pay rolls and bills, both regular and special, for the month of November, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Auditor, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Ellis.

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VOTE OF THANKS TO CHARLES E. GOODSPEED.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the cordial thanks of this Board are hereby extended to Charles E. Goodspeed for his generous gift of steel engravings of General Grant, which have been added to the portfolio equipment of all of the elementary schools.

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WEEKLY PAYMENT OF JANITORS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Secretary is hereby directed to request the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether Chapter 193 of the Acts of the year 1907 requires the weekly payment of janitors in the Boston School Department.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communication from the Board of Aldermen, received at the meeting of Oct. 7, and the communication from the Common Council, received at the meeting of Oct. 21, with reference to the weekly payment of janitors, were taken from the table, and placed on file; and the Secretary was directed to inform the Board of Aldermen and Common Council that this Board has requested the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether Chapter 193 of the Acts of the year 1907, requires the weekly payment of janitors in the Boston School Department.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the doors were opened.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny in the chair.

PLAN FOR A PENSION SYSTEM FOR BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A communication was received from the committee of school masters, who had been requested to prepare and submit to the Board for consideration a revised pension scheme for teachers, transmitting a report on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board adjourned at 11:15 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Nov. 7, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 5 o'clock P. M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

ELIGIBILITY OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS.

The following communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Nov. 6, 1907:

The Board of Superintendents has given careful consideration to the eligibility of holders of various grades of certificates which are now valid for appointment to positions of different ranks in the teaching service, and respectfully submits the following report:—

The regulations prescribe that a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher of any rank must hold the particular certificate of qualification prescribed for that rank, or a certificate of a higher grade which includes the lower and required one; and this, in general, has been specified in the regulations for many years. It has happened in the past, however, that new positions have been created and filled by the promotion of teachers in the service, and at a later date certificate requirements have been established for such positions which were not held by those who had already been thus appointed. For example; the rank of first assistant, primary school, was created in 1896, but no certificate requirements were established for this position until November 29, 1901, when it was prescribed that a person to be eligible for such appointment, or as a first assistant, grammar school, must hold a grammar school, class A certificate. During the intervening period, and in the absence of a definite regulation on the subject, it appears to have been the custom to appoint to these positions teachers already in the service, who held only the grammar school, class B certificate. In view of this situation, the Board of Superintendents believes that holders of grammar school, class B certificates, issued before November 29, 1901, should now be regarded as eligible for appointment to the position of first assistant in charge, and also to the position of master's assistant.

In the preparation of the following schedule, the Board of Superintendents has endeavored to avoid a too literal interpretation of former regulations which might work injustice and hardship to individuals, or the taking away of an eligibility privilege that has been previously enjoyed, and at the same time has tried to establish a reasonable and harmonious plan that will safely guard the interests of the school system as a whole.

Accompanying the foregoing communication was the following schedule referred to therein:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

HEAD-MASTER.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Feb. 25, 1896.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. Normal School, Head-Master—
   From June 10, 1907.

MASTER and JUNIOR-MASTER.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
5. Normal School, Head-Master—
   From June 10, 1907.
6. Normal School—
   From June 10, 1907.

FIRST ASSISTANT and ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
7. Normal School, Head-Master—
   From June 10, 1907.
8. Normal School—
   From June 10, 1907.

INSTRUCTOR and ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
5. Normal School, Head-Master—
   From June 10, 1907.
6. Normal School—
   From June 10, 1907.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTOR and SPECIAL ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
5. Special Grade (Issued to include service in the school)—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
6. Special (Covering the subject and the school)—
   From Dec. 27, 1892.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

HEAD-MASTER.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Feb. 25, 1896.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.

MASTER and JUNIOR-MASTER.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.

FIRST ASSISTANT and ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.

INSTRUCTOR.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
7. High School, Special—
   From June 25, 1906.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTOR and SPECIAL ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
5. Special Grade (Issued to include service in the school)—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
6. Special (Covering subject and school)—
   From Dec. 27, 1892.

INDUSTRIAL ASSISTANT.

1. Special—
   From June 10, 1907.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892 to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892 to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
7. Special (Commercial Branches Valid in High Schools)—
   From Dec. 27, 1892.
8. Special—
   From May 6, 1907.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

MASTER.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. High School, Class B—
   From Feb. 25, 1896, to Nov. 29, 1901.
5. Second Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
6. Grammar School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
7. Grammar School, Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
8. Elementary School, Master—
   From June 25, 1906.

SUB-MASTER.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. High School, Class B—
   From Feb. 25, 1896, to Nov. 29, 1901.
5. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
6. Second Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
7. Grammar School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
8. Grammar School, Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
9. Elementary School, Master—
   From June 25, 1906.
10. Elementary School, Class A—
    From June 25, 1906.

MASTER'S ASSISTANT, FIRST ASSISTANT IN CHARGE, and FIRST ASSISTANT, GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
7. Second Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
8. Grammar School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
9. Grammar School, Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
10. Elementary School, Master—
    From June 25, 1906.
11. Elementary School, Class A—
    From June 25, 1906.
12. Fourth Grade—
    From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
13. Grammar School, Class B—
    From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
14. Normal, Grammar School, Class B—
    From 1872 to Nov. 29, 1901.

ASSISTANT and SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
7. Second Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
8. Grammar School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
9. Grammar School, Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
10. Elementary School, Master—
    From June 25, 1906.
11. Elementary School, Class A—
    From June 25, 1906.
12. Fourth Grade—
    From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
13. Grammar School, Class B—
    From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
14. Normal Grammar School, Class B—
    From 1872 to June 25, 1906.

15. Normal Grammar School, Special—
From June 13, 1905, to June 25, 1906.
16. Elementary School, Class B—
From June 25, 1906.
17. Normal Elementary School, Class B—
From June 25, 1906.
18. Elementary School, Special—
From June 25, 1906.
19. Fifth Grade (Primary)—
From 1877 to 1878.

FIRST ASSISTANT, KINDERGARTEN
and
ASSISTANT, KINDERGARTEN.

1. Special Grade—
From 1877 to Mar. 25, 1879.
2. Special Grade—
From 1888 to Dec. 27, 1892.
3. Normal, Kindergarten and Primary—
From 1872 to June 25, 1906.
4. Normal Kindergarten—
From June 25, 1906.
5. Kindergarten—
From Dec. 27, 1892.

TEACHERS OF SPECIAL CLASSES.

1. Special—
From 1898.

INSTRUCTOR OF MANUAL TRAINING
and
ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR OF MANUAL TRAINING.

1. Special Grade—
From 1888 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. Special (Manual Training)—
From Dec. 27, 1892.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS.

PRINCIPAL.

1. First Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. Grammar School, Master—
From Oct. 27, 1903, to June 25, 1906.
5. Evening High School, Principal—
From June 10, 1907.

ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
2. High School, Head-Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. Third Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
From Nov. 29, 1901.
7. Second Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
8. Grammar School, Class A—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
9. Grammar School, Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
10. Elementary School, Master—
From June 25, 1906.
11. Elementary School, Class A—
From June 25, 1906.
12. Normal, Grammar School, Special—
From June 13, 1905, to June 25, 1906.
13. Elementary School, Special—
From June 25, 1906.
14. Special Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
15. Special (Covering the subject and the school)—
From Dec. 27, 1892.
16. Evening High School, Principal—
From June 10, 1907.
17. Evening High School—
From June 10, 1907.

LABORATORY ASSISTANT.

1. High School, Special—
From June 25, 1906, to June 10, 1907.
2. Evening School, Special—
From June 10, 1907.

TYPEWRITING ASSISTANT.

1. Evening School, Special—
From June 10, 1907.

EVENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL.

1. High School, Head-Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
2. Second Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
3. Grammar School, Class A—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
4. Grammar School, Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
5. Elementary School, Master—
From June 25, 1906.
6. Elementary School, Class A—
From June 25, 1906.
7. Evening Elementary School, Principal—
From June 10, 1907.

FIRST ASSISTANT and
ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901
3. High School, Head-Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
4. Third Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
7. Second Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
8. Grammar School, Class A—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
9. Grammar School, Master—
From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906
10. Elementary School, Master—
From June 25, 1906.
11. Elementary School, Class A—
From June 25, 1906.
12. Fourth Grade—
From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
13. Grammar School, Class B—
From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
14. Normal, Grammar School, Class B—
From 1872 to June 25, 1906.
15. Normal, Grammar School, Special—
From June 13, 1905, to June 25, 1906.
16. Elementary School, Class B—
From June 25, 1906.
17. Normal Elementary School, Class B—
From June 25, 1906.
18. Elementary School, Special—
From June 25, 1906.
19. Fifth Grade—
From 1877 to 1878.
20. Special Grade—
From 1877 to Mar. 8, 1881.

INDUSTRIAL ASSISTANT.

1. Limited (Educational centres and later extended to cover evening schools)—
From Sept. 27, 1904, to June 10, 1907.
2. Limited—
From June 10, 1907.

INTERPRETER.

1. English to Foreigners (Issued before 1904).
2. Interpreter—
From Sept. 27, 1904.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

PRINCIPAL.

1. Special Grade (Issued to include service in the school)—
From 1877 to June 10, 1907.
2. Evening Drawing School, Principal—
From June 10, 1907.

ASSISTANT.

1. Special Grade (Issued to include service in the school)—
   From 1877 to June 10, 1977.
2. Evening Drawing School, Principal—
   From June 10, 1907.
3. Evening Drawing School—
   From June 10, 1907.

Placed on file.

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On motion of the Superintendent, it was ORDERED, That the schedule of eligibility of holders of certificates of qualification prepared by the Board of Superintendents is hereby approved and adopted by this Board until otherwise ordered.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, that part of the order offered by the Superintendent at the meeting of Apr. 8, 1907, amending paragraph 4 of section 292 of the regulations to read as follows, was taken from the files:—

4. Each elementary school district, except those attended exclusively by girls in grades above the third, shall be entitled to one sub-master. Each elementary school district attended exclusively by boys in grades above the third shall be entitled to two sub-masters if the number of pupils belonging in grades above the third exceeds six hundred. Such additional sub-masters may be appointed as the Board may from time to time authorize. Each elementary school district shall be entitled to one master's assistant. Each elementary school district, attended exclusively by girls in grades above the third shall be entitled to one first assistant, grammar school, if the number of pupils belonging in grades above the third exceeds six hundred. The rank of first assistant, grammar school, except as provided for in this section, shall be abolished as the position becomes vacant by the retirement of the present incumbents.

On motion of the same member, the foregoing amendment was adopted.

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JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the names of candidates eligible for appointment to the janitorship of the Common-street School-house.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 5:43 o'clock P. M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Nov. 18, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the meetings of Nov. 4 and 7 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation, as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the meeting of Nov. 4.

The appointments were approved.

AMENDMENT TO RULES.

The Chairman stated the question was on the disposition of the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid over at the meeting of Nov. 4, recommending an amendment to Section 139, paragraph XI. of the rules (see pp. 156, 157).

The communication was placed on file, and the rules were amended accordingly.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS, LATIN, ELEMENTARY AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of three orders adopting certain text-books in high and elementary schools and one book for supplementary use in the Normal School, laid over at the meeting of Nov. 4 (see p. 157).

The aforesaid orders were collectively and unanimously passed.

REMOVAL OF PORTABLES NOS. 66 AND 68 TO EMERSON SCHOOL YARD.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Nov. 12, 1907, stating that Portable Schoolhouses Nos. 66 and 68 have been moved from the yard of the Warren School-house to the yard of the Emerson School-house, have been provided with furniture, and are now ready for occupancy.

Placed on file.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR QUINCY SCHOOL PUPILS.

Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, relative to temporary accommodations for the children in the Quincy School District, stating that three classes have been provided for in the Parkman School-house, six classes in the Rice School-house, one class in the portable building in the yard of the Rice School, and three classes in the parochial building on Moon street. The Commission has hired three rooms in the latter building at the rate of sixty dollars per month for each room, this price to include heat and janitor service.

Placed on file.

DEATH.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teacher, which occurred on the date stated:—

Chapman District—Calista W. McLeod, assistant, Nov. 16, 1907.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

(To retire from the Service.)

Comins District—Rachel U. Cornwell, assistant, Nov. 15, 1907.

Hancock District—Sara H. Colman, assistant, Nov. 18, 1907.

Lyman District—Esther A. Kenna, assistant, Nov. 18, 1907.

Thomas N. Hart District—Gertrude C. L. Vasque, assistant kindergarten, Dec. 1, 1907.

Wells District—Florence K. Alexander, assistant, Nov. 15, 1907.

Accepted.

(To Accept Promotion in the Service.)

Charles Sumner District—Stacy B. Southworth, sub-master, Sept. 16, 1907.

Warren District—Caroline E. Morse, first assistant, primary, Nov. 5. 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Comins District—Caroline M. Hauck, from Nov. 18 until Dec. 2, 1907, inclusive.

Dearborn District—Mary G. Kenney, from Nov. 18 until Dec. 2, 1907, inclusive.

Dudley District—Isabel E. Clark, from Nov. 4 to 8, 1907, inclusive; Katherine McNamara, from Oct. 28 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive.

Franklin District—Teresa A. Tehan, from Oct. 7 until Nov. 18, 1907, inclusive.

Lincoln District—E. Cecilia Mackin, from Nov. 1 until Dec. 2, 1907, inclusive.

Martin District—Eva M. Cotton, from Oct. 14 to 22, 1907, inclusive.

Roger Wolcott District—Mary E. Jenkins, from Nov. 11 until Dec. 2, 1907, inclusive.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dearborn District—Violet E. Barry, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1907.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Comins District—Caroline M. Hauck, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Dearborn District—Mary G. Kenney, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Mary E. Jenkins, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Lincoln District—Stella F. Thomas, assistant, fourth year, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Norcross District—Katherine J. Kincade, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Brimmer District—Hope Davison, assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Laid over.

(By Promotion.)

Bowditch District—Lena L. Carpenter, first assistant in charge, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—Ellen W. Porter, first assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Hyde District—Susan J. Ginn, master's assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Jefferson District—Catherine L. Gately, first assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Laid over.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Girls' Latin School—Rosalie Y. Abbot, assistant; Clara A. Hawthorne, special assistant.

Charlestown High School—Miriam Harris, special assistant instructor.

Girls' High School—Mabel A. Fitz, Alice M. Twigg, assistants.

South Boston High School—Christina M. McCartny, special assistant.

Agassiz District—Helen K. Somers, assistant.

Bigelow District—Theobald A. Lynch, assistant.

Bunker Hill District—Jaqueline Carroll assistant, kindergarten.

Dillaway District—Annie E. Mahan, first assistant in charge.

Edward Everett District—Rose D. Hoye, assistant.

Franklin District—Violet M. Nevins, assistant.

Gaston District—Mary A. Dorgan, assistant.

Gilbert Stuart District—Ella M. B. Hayes, Hazel E. Poole, assistants.

Henry L. Pierce District—Alice L. Brummett, Ethel M. Coleman, assistants, kindergarten.

John A. Andrew District—Mabel G. Finlay, assistant, kindergarten.

Lincoln District—Mary E. McCarthy, assistant, kindergarten.

Martin District—Helen G. Gormley, assistant, kindergarten.

Mather District—Mary I. F. Montgomery, assistant, kindergarten.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—John J. Cummings, assistant.

Phillips Brooks District—Minnie B. Conant, Eunice C. Hearn, assistants; Jessie M. G. Wilkinson, assistant, kindergarten.

Prescott District—Helen I. Bridge, assistant.

Rice District—Elinor Maher, assistant.

William E. Russell District—Caroline J. Trommer, assistant.

Approved.

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Evening and Vacation Schools—Charles M. Lamprey, director.

Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Charlestown High School—James W. Mace, Jr., assistant, from Oct. 28, 1907.

Bigelow School—Frances M. Flanagan, assistant, from Oct. 16, 1907; Rose M. Driscoll, assistant, from Nov. 6, 1907.

Bowdoin School—Margaret L. Cosgrove, assistant, from Nov. 13, 1907.

Comins School—Thomas J. Flinn, Henrietta I. Soper, assistants, from Nov. 20, 1907.

Franklin School—Elizabeth H. Mahar, assistant, from Nov. 12, 1907.

Hancock School—Grace B. McCormick, assistant, from Oct. 29, 1907; Teresa E. Driscoll, assistant, from Oct. 31, 1907.

Quincy School—William F. Low, Jr., assistant, from Oct. 17, 1907; Jessie C. Davidson, assistant, from Nov. 12, 1907.

Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Lincoln District—Ellen A. McMahon, assistant, to the same position in the Bigelow District, from Nov. 13, 1907.

Martin District—Katherine R. McManus, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Bennett District, from Nov. 18, 1907.

Charlestown Evening High School—William B. Carpenter, assistant, to the same position in the Central Evening High School, from Oct. 30, 1907.

East Boston Evening High School—Owen D. Evans, assistant, to the same position in the Central Evening High School, from Oct. 21, 1907.

Phillips Brooks Evening School—Andrew J. Leahy, assistant, to the same position in the Bigelow Evening School, from Nov. 7, 1907.

Warren Evening School—Grace A. Tully, assistant, to the same position in the Franklin Evening School, from Nov. 6, 1907; Alfred J. Markowitz, interpreter, to the same position in the Franklin Evening School, from Oct. 28, 1907.

Placed on file.

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EMERGENCY LIST FOR EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High Schools—Assistant.

Newton D. Clark.

Evening Elementary Schools—Assistant.

Margaret L. Cosgrove.

Approved.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Dudley District—(William Bacon Kindergarten), Minnie Grabert, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Gaston District—(Tuckerman Kindergarten), Lazarine Martin, from Nov. 11, 1907.

Norcross District—(Cyrus Alger Kindergarten), Bridget A. Sullivan, from Oct. 10, 1907.

Robert G. Shaw District—(Mt. Vernon-street Kindergarten), Gertrude L. Lambert, from Nov. 14, 1907.

Thomas Gardner District—(Auburn Kindergarten), Florence Littlefield, from Nov. 4, 1907.

William E. Russell District—(Roger Clap Kindergarten), Mary E. O'Connor, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Normal School—Rose A. Carrigan, assistant, Oct. 22 and 23, 1907, two days.

Public Latin School—Ethel A. Owen, special assistant, Nov. 11, 1907, one-half day.

Roxbury High School—Harriet C. Taylor, assistant instructor, Oct. 31, 1907, one day.

South Boston High School—James Mahoney, master, Oct. 18 to 21, 1907, two days.

Bennett District—Maude E. Rice, assistant, Nov. 7 and 8, 1907, one and one-half days.

Chapman District—Catherine F. Atwood, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

Dearborn District—Helen R. Campbell, Oct. 30, 1907, one day.

Dillaway District—Annie E. McCormick, assistant, from Oct. 29 until Nov. 1, 1907, inclusive, four days.

Dwight District—Mary E. Trow, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

Eliot District—Susie F. Jordan, assistant, Nov. 4, 1907, one day.

Frothingham District—Persis M. Whittemore, assistant, Oct. 29 and 30, 1907, two days.

Gaston District—Thomas H. Barnes, master, Oct. 28, 1907, one day.

Hancock District—Minnie A. Prescott, first assistant, kindergarten, from Oct. 31 until Nov. 28, 1907; Mary C. Brine, Annie T. Dinand, assistants, Nov. 6, 1907, one day.

Lewis District—Grace C. Boyden, assistant, Nov. 7, 1907, one-half day; Elizabeth B. Richardson, assistant, Oct. 9, 1907, one-half day.
Mather District—Clara A. Jordan, first assistant in charge, Nov. 25, 26 and 27, 1907, two and one-half days.
Phillips District—Henrietta L. Dwyer, assistant, from Oct. 14 until Dec. 2, 1907; Harriet F. Smith, assistant, Nov. 7, 8 and 11, 1907, three days.
Quincy District—Marion L. Daily, assistant, Nov. 4, 1907, one day.
Rice District—Clara C. Dunn, assistant, Nov. 13, 1907, one day.
Roger Wolcott District—Julia T. A. Maloy, first assistant, kindergarten, Nov. 7, and 8, 1907, two days.
Washington District—Katherine L. Driscoll, assistant, Nov. 14, 1907, one day.
Manual Training—Helen I. Whittemore, instructor, Nov. 4, 1907, one-half day.
Sewing—Mary T. Hassett, teacher, Nov. 4, 1907, one day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers, without pay, for the terms specified:—
High School of Commerce—Raymond G. Laird, master, Nov. 7 and 8, 1907, two days.
Dearborn District—Anna E. McDonough, assistant, from Nov. 11, 1907, until Aug. 31, 1908.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of twenty-five minors to be licensed to sell newspapers and of one to be licensed to black boots.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of a minor to sell newspapers, for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.
Approved.

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PAYMENT TO PAUL MURPHY.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Paul Murphy, the sum of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents ($22.50) for services as special teacher in the South Boston Evening High School from Oct. 21, 1907, to Nov. 4, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of Nov. 12, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Nov. 7, reporting that the following-named persons have been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment as janitor of the Common-street School-house: John A. Downey, Joseph P. Niland and George J. Hurley.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, containing information relative to the candidates certified by the Civil Service Commission for the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, and recommending the appointment to said position of John A. Downey, the candidate standing first on the list, to date from Nov. 21, 1907.
Laid on the table. Subsequently, the communication was taken from the table, and placed on file.
On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the appointment of John A. Downey as janitor of the Common-street School-house, to date from Nov. 21, 1907, was approved.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had reappointed Thomas Brennan for a period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 13, 1907.
Approved.

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PAYMENT TO THOMAS BRENNAN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, recommending the payment of $13.33 to Thomas Brennan, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Nov. 3 to 12, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Thomas Brennan the sum of thirteen and 33-100 dollars ($13.33) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Nov. 3 to 12, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, LUCRETIA CROCKER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, and recommending the transfer of John Riordan, janitor of the Bailey-street and two Portable School-houses, to said position, to date from Nov. 21, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the transfer of John Riordan to said position was approved from the date stated.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Frank L. Washburn for a period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 8, 1907.
Placed on file.

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Also a further communication, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, reporting the reappointment of Mr. Washburn as aforesaid for a further period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 18, 1907.
Approved.

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PAYMENT TO FRANK L. WASHBURN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, recommending the payment of $23 to Frank L. Washburn, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, from Nov. 8 to 17, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Frank L. Washburn the sum of twenty-three dollars ($23) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, from Nov. 8 to 17, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO LULU MOORE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, recommending the payment of $6.50

to Lulu Moore for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Nov. 2 to 6, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Lulu Moore the sum of six and 50-100 dollars ($6.50) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Nov. 2 to 6, 1907, inclusive.

PAYMENT TO JOHN MERRILL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, recommending the payment of $12.16 to John Merrill for services rendered as acting janitor of the Harris School-house, from Nov. 3 to 7, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to John Merrill the sum of twelve and 16-100 dollars ($12.16) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Harris School-house, from Nov. 3 to 7, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP, SAMUEL W. MASON SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 7, 1907, with reference to the janitor service of the Samuel W. Mason School-house.
Placed on file.

SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 16, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from Nov. 3 to 16, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, LITTLE EM'LY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, stating that the Little Em'ly School-house, located in the yard of the Harris School, had been reopened for school purposes, and recommending that Denis J. Wilson, janitor of the main building, be appointed janitor of the Little Em'ly School-house, to date from Nov. 5, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Denis J. Wilson was approved from the date stated.

JANITORSHIP, RICE PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 4.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, stating that Portable School-house No. 4, located in the yard of the Rice School, had been reopened for school purposes, and recommending that Thomas F. Durkin, janitor of the main building, be appointed janitor of the portable schoolhouse, to date from Nov. 12, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the appointment of Thomas F. Durkin was approved from the date stated.

JANITORSHIP, SOMERSET-STREET PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 91.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, recommending the appointment of Annie J. Butler, janitor of the Somerset-street School-house, to the janitorship of Portable School-house No. 91, recently moved from the yard of the Warren School, to date from Nov. 12, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the appointment of Annie J. Butler was approved from the date stated.

JANITORSHIP, EMERSON PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSES NOS. 66 AND 68.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, recommending the appointment of Edward C. Chessman, janitor of the Emerson School-house, to the janitorship of Portable School-houses Nos. 66 and 68, recently moved from the yard of the Warren School, to date from Nov. 18, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment of Edward C. Chessman was approved from the date stated.

SALARY OF DAVID FALCONER.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, stating that all the rooms in the Austin School-house are now occupied for school purposes, and recommending that David Falconer, janitor of that building, receive compensation at the rate of $384 per annum, to date from Nov. 1, 1907.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the janitor of the Austin School-house receive the full regular compensation for the janitor service of that building as determined by the established schedule, to date from Nov. 1, 1907.

CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS FOR TEMPORARY JANITOR SERVICE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, stating that during the winter months janitors are frequently incapacitated and unable to perform their duties by reason of illness, and there is considerable difficulty in obtaining assistants to fill their positions temporarily and comply with civil service regulations. He, therefore, recommends that the Civil Service Commission be requested to certify the names of individuals who are willing to take temporary work at varying rates of compensation, but not exceeding $50 per month, applicants to reside in Brighton, Charlestown, city proper, Dorchester, East Boston, Roxbury, West Roxbury, and South Boston.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates as recommended in the foregoing communication.

SIGNALS FOR SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL SESSIONS ON STORMY DAYS.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Nov. 18, 1907, to whom was referred at the meeting of Oct. 21 a communication from G. A. Danielson, suggesting that in addition to the giving of the bell signal for the suspension of school sessions on stormy days, a flag to indicate such suspension be displayed on the flag poles of the various school-houses, stating the conditions and reasons why it is inexpedient to carry the suggestion into effect.
Placed on file.

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

The Chairman announced that the Board was prepared to proceed with a hearing on the petition received from William H. Potter and other residents in the Aberdeen District at the meeting held on Nov. 4, that the city assume the cost of tuition of their children in the Brookline schools. Dr. William H. Potter and Messrs. Russell J. Goodnow, Josiah S. Dean, James A. McGeough, Henry Taggart, and others addressed the Board in support of the aforesaid petition.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Chairman stated that the Board would take the matter under further and careful consideration.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Ellis, the Superintendent was directed to appoint a teacher for service in the Aberdeen School to take charge of pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

On motion of the same member, the aforesaid petition was placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the petitioners of the action taken by the Board.

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EYE GLASSES FOR CHILDREN.

A communication was received from the Committee of Oculists, under date of Nov. 13, 1907, to whom was referred at the meeting of Oct. 21, a recommendation from the Supervising Nurse that an appropriation be made to provide eyeglasses for needy children, substantially as follows:

The committee is fully aware that the use of glasses is of greatest importance to an appreciable percentage of children in the public schools, and believes that some arrangement is necessary to provide them for those whose parents cannot afford to expend the necessary sum. It is of the opinion, however, that this expense should not be borne by the School Committee, but rather by the various charitable organizations of the city. It appreciates the disadvantages and delay involved in referring such cases to these organizations, but, nevertheless, it feels strongly that were the School Committee to establish such a fund there would be the greatest difficulty in limiting the expenditure and in confining it within reasonable limits. The committee estimates that glasses are required by from 15 per cent. to 25 per cent. of the children in the schools and a large number of these may undoubtedly be classed among the very poor. It also calls attention to the fact that glasses are fragile and frequently need to be repaired or replaced, so that the first cost would only be one item of the total expense. It respectfully suggests that this question is one which might be passed on with more authority by experts in government and practical philanthropists.

Placed on file.

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REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS MEN, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Advisory Committee of Business Men of the High School of Commerce, under date of Nov. 6, 1907, transmitting the report in print of the Executive Committee to the Committee of Business Men of the progress of the High School of Commerce for the year 1906-07.

Laid on the table.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

Mr. Ellis offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 296, and Chapter XX, Regulations for Evening Schools. Strike out the section and chapter, and substitute in place thereof the following:

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Sect. 296. 1. Teachers of evening schools shall consist of principals, masters, first assistants, assistants, special teachers and interpreters. The rank of master shall be abolished on the retirement of the present incumbents in the evening drawing schools. The certificate requirements for special teachers in evening high schools shall be the same as those for assistants in evening high schools.

2. Principals and masters shall be appointed in June of each year, other teachers in September, and at such other times as the needs of the service require.

3. Besides the principal, each evening high school shall be entitled to one assistant or special teacher for every twenty-five pupils in average attendance, and an additional assistant or special teacher for an excess of twenty pupils; provided, that the pupils attending classes in physical training and music shall not be counted in making up the number of pupils necessary to authorize the employment of any teacher of other subjects.

4. In each evening high school additional teachers may be appointed, as follows: One special assistant, one typewriting assistant, one laboratory assistant in each class in physics or chemistry, and one pianist for each class in physical training.

5. Besides the principal, each evening elementary school shall be entitled to one assistant or interpreter for every twenty pupils in average attendance, and an additional assistant or interpreter for an excess of fifteen pupils; provided, that the required average number of pupils may be thirty-five for every two teachers conducting classes together in the same room.

6. In each evening elementary school additional teachers may be appointed as follows: In schools having over one hundred pupils in average attendance, one male first assistant; in schools having over four hundred pupils in average attendance, one assistant or interpreter.

7. Besides the principal, each evening drawing school shall be entitled to one assistant for every twenty pupils in average attendance, and to an additional assistant for an excess of fifteen pupils.

8. In each evening drawing school one curator may be appointed.

9. In each evening school having less than seventy-five pupils in average attendance, the principal shall be included in the complement of teachers to which the school may be entitled.

10. Teachers shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment, or earlier at the discretion of the superintendent; provided, however, that in evening high schools where there is but one class in any subject that class may be continued until the close of the term unless the number of pupils therein shall fall below ten; and the same provision shall apply to classes in ship draughting and in clay modeling in evening drawing schools.

11. No principal or woman teacher of a public day school in Boston shall be employed in the evening schools; provided, however, that any woman teacher employed in an evening school who is appointed to a permanent position in a day school, may, in the discretion of the superintendent, continue such evening service until the close of the term for which she has been appointed, but no longer.

12. The employment of men day school teachers in evening schools, except as principals thereof, shall not exceed three hundred nights in any period of five years; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to evening school service rendered previous to September 1, 1904.

CHAPTER XX.

REGULATIONS FOR EVENING SCHOOLS.

Section 390. The evening schools are established for the benefit of adults, and of minors not less than fourteen years of age who do not attend day schools. Pupils over fourteen years of age who attend day schools may be admitted under such conditions as the board of superintendents may prescribe.

Sect. 391. No evening school shall be established unless at least forty persons have previously pledged themselves to attend the same regularly; and no school shall be continued when the average attendance for the month shall have fallen below thirty.

Sect. 392. 1. The term of the evening schools shall begin on the first Monday in October and shall continue for twenty-two school weeks. A week in which more than one session of any evening school occurs shall be deemed a school week. The sessions of the schools shall be suspended from the second Friday preceding Christmas Day to and including the first day of the following January; but when the first day of January of any year shall fall later than Tuesday of any week the sessions shall be suspended on the remaining days of that week.

2. The sessions of the evening schools shall open not earlier than seven o'clock P. M. nor later than half past seven o'clock P.M., and shall close not later than half past nine o'clock P. M. on not less than three evenings in the week from Monday to Friday inclusive, as determined by the superintendent, the evenings of legal holidays and of the day following Thanksgiving excepted.

3. The school-rooms shall be open and teachers shall be present at least fifteen minutes before the time for the session to begin.

Sect. 393. 1. No pupil shall be considered as enrolled in any evening school until he shall have attended at least one class session thereof.

2. No pupil shall attend an evening high school who is not a graduate of a Boston elementary school, a Boston evening elementary school, or a school of equal or higher rank, or who has not passed a satisfactory examination in such subjects as the board of superintendents may prescribe.

3. No pupil shall be admitted to an evening high school who is unable to attend at least two evenings each week, except by permission of the director of evening and vacation schools.

4. Pupils of fourteen years of age and over may be admitted to evening elementary schools without examination.

5. No examination is required for admission to any first year class of the evening drawing schools. Those who by examination can prove their ability to undertake advanced work may be admitted to the second or third year classes.

Sect. 394. Any pupil who shall absent himself from an evening school for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged therefrom, and shall not be reinstated unless the absence shall have been satisfactorily explained to the principal.

Sect. 395. Pupils may be discharged by principals for disobedience or improper conduct, and such pupils shall not be readmitted without the consent of the director of evening and vacation schools.

Sect. 396. Pupils attending the evening elementary schools shall not be permitted to take books belonging to the city from the several school buildings.

Sect. 397. Exhibitions of the work of the evening schools may be held at such times as the superintendent shall approve.

Sect. 398. Certificates of regular and punctual attendance, good deportment, and general proficiency, to be signed by the principal and by the superintendent, shall be awarded to deserving pupils in the evening elementary schools at the close of the term.

Sect. 399. Appropriate graduating exercises may be held at the close of the term in the several evening schools.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the regulations governing the use of school buildings be amended as follows:

Section 13. Renumber paragraph 2 as paragraph 3. Renumber paragraph 3 as paragraph 4.

Insert the following:

2. The Schoolhouse Custodian may, upon application of a principal of an evening school, issue to such principal a key to the building which his school occupies. Keys thus issued shall be collected by the Schoolhouse Custodian at the close of each term of the evening schools, and be retained by him until the beginning of the following term of such schools, when they may again be issued in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

APPROVAL OF FREE EVENING INDUSTRIAL DRAWING SCHOOLS BY COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

A communication was received from the Commission on Industrial Education, under date of Nov. 12, 1907, acknowledging the receipt of the order passed by the Board at its meeting of Nov. 4, with reference to the free evening industrial drawing schools conducted by the city of Boston, and stating its purpose to give the matter immediate attention.

Placed on file.

COMPENSATION OF JANITORS, MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Music Department, under date of Nov. 13, 1907, requesting the Board to assist in determining an equitable rate of compensation for services rendered by the janitors of certain school-houses in connection with municipal concerts given in such buildings.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, referred to the Schoolhouse Custodian for consideration and report.

DECORATION OF RICE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Public School Art League, under date of Nov. 12, 1907, requesting permission to decorate the Rice School-house.

Laid on the table.

BOSTON SCHOOL EXHIBIT, JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

A communication was received from the Jury of Awards of the Jamestown Exposition, under date of Nov. 2, 1907, stating that a diploma of a gold medal for exhibit of buildings, environment, course of study, pupils' work, administration, and general display, has been awarded the Boston School Exhibit.

Placed on file.

The Chairman called the attention of the Board to a communication from the Special Commissioner on Education from the Argentine Republic, stating that his government is making preparations for the establishment of a national educational museum, and requesting that the material contained in the Boston Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition be turned over to the Argentine Government to be placed in said museum.

The attention of the Board was also called to the recommendation of Assistant Superintendents White and Rafter, the committee on said exhibit, contained in the Superintendent's report, and subsequently renewed by them, that said material be installed as the nucleus of a permanent exhibit in one of the buildings of the Fenway Group, where it may be kept open to the inspection of the teachers and added to from time to time by putting each subject under a committee whose duty it shall be to see that changes are made, so that teachers and visitors shall be able to see what is being done in each subject in each grade.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the aforesaid recommendation was adopted, and ordered to be carried into effect.

DEDICATION OF SCHOOL-STREET TABLET.

The Chairman presented a communication addressed to him by the Secretary of Boston Chapter S. A. R., under date of Nov. 6, 1907, expressing the thanks of said Chapter for the action of the Board in permitting the Latin School boys to parade in uniform at the dedication of the School-street tablet during Old Home Week.

Placed on file.

GIFTS OF BOOKS TO LONGFELLOW AND CHARLES SUMNER SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from Arthur W. Blakemore, under date of Nov. 5, 1907, stating that Mrs. Mary C. Blakemore is desirous of employing a small fund in providing a working library for the Longfellow School, and possibly for the Charles Sumner School as well, inquiring whether the gift would be acceptable, and if the city will furnish bookcases to accommodate the books.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the proposed gift of books as aforesaid be accepted by this Board, with the understanding that said books shall be such as have been or may hereafter be approved by the Board of Superintendents, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to Mrs. Blakemore for her generous offer.

PUPILS TO BE CAUTIONED AGAINST ILLEGAL RIDING ON STREET CARS.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the principals of day schools are hereby instructed to call the attention of all boys attending their respective schools to the danger incurred by jumping on and off electric cars while such cars are in motion; and especially to caution their pupils that riding upon the steps of street cars without the permission of the person in charge thereof is a violation of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, which renders the offender liable to arrest and punishment by a fine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board went into executive session.

The doors were opened.

PLAN FOR A PENSION SYSTEM FOR BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the following communication and report received at the meeting of Nov. 4, 1907, from the Committee of School Principals, relative to a proposed pension system for teachers, was taken from the table, and the Boston Teachers' Club and other organizations of teachers in the public schools invited to appoint a joint committee to consider said plan, and to report thereon in writing to this Board, with such suggestions as they may deem wise, at the earliest practicable moment.

Rice School, Boston, Nov. 2, 1907.

Mr. Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary of the School Committee.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Boston School Principals, held Oct. 31, it was voted to request the School Committee to undertake the establishment of a pension system for day school teachers based upon an income of "five cents per $1,000 out of the tax levy." It was also voted that the pension rate should be such a percentage of the salary at the time of retirement as the income will allow, but that no pension should be less than $180, the present annuity rate in the Retirement Fund Association.

The tables that have been used in determining the pension rate are submitted with this report. Yours respectfully,

Joshua M. Dill, President.

Lincoln Owen, Secretary of the Committee on Pensions.

Rice School, Boston, Oct. 17, 1907.

Pension Report of the Secretary of the Masters' Committee.

The Secretary of the Masters' Committee on Pensions has already submitted to the School Committee a report to the effect that the Retirement Fund Association can continue to pay annuities at the rate of $180 and accumulate a satisfactory surplus, provided that the net increase per year in the number of annuitants does not exceed the number given in the following table:—

1908	16	1926	312.5
1909	32.2	1927	329.3
1910	48.5	1928	346.1
1911	64.7	1929	363.9
1912	81	1930	379.8
1913	97.3	1931	396.6
1914	113.4	1932	413.4
1915	129.9	1933	430.3
1916	146.2	1934	447.2
1917	162.5	1935	463.9
1918	179	1936	480.7
1919	195.6	1937	497.5
1920	212.1	1938	515
1921	228.8	1939	530.7
1922	245.5	1940	547.3
1923	262.2	1941	563.4
1924	279	1942	579.9
1925	295.8		

This table gives the total number of living annuitants at the end of each year exclusive of the present list.

2. From the accompanying tables it is shown that an annual income of "five cents per $1,000 out of the tax levy" would pay an annual pension equal to 15 p.c. of the salary of each retiring teacher and accumulate an adequate surplus.

3. It is also shown that an annual income of "five cents per $1,000 out of the tax levy" together with "all deductions from the salaries of teachers who are absent" would pay an annual pension equal to 20 p.c. of the salary of each retiring teacher, provide an adequate surplus, and allow for a net increase of two pensioners per year.

4. By actuarial methods it is found that (after the first five years) the net increase in the number of pensioners is likely to

be quite uniform and on the average from fifteen to twenty per year according to the amount of pension.

5. The annual increase in cost would be approximately $4,500.

6. To increase the pension rate 1 per cent. over the twenty per cent. rate would after the thirtieth year cost approximately $7,500 per year.

7. The pension rate should be high enough to reduce perceptibly the number of elderly teachers. The retirement of eighteen (net) per year will accomplish that result.

8. To accomplish the desired results among all ranks the pension rate should be a percentage of the salary.

The tables on which these conclusions are based and a bill which embodies the ideas of the Masters' Committee as to the provisions that should appear in a pension bill are filed with this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Lincoln Owen,
Secretary of the Masters' Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the Board adjourned at 10:55 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Nov. 20, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

EXTENSION TO MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Chairman presented the following communication:

Boston, November 20, 1907.

To the Members of the School Committee:

I desire to call to your attention officially, for such action as seems appropriate, the fact that although the Finance Commission, to which the Mayor referred the matter, has decided that

"It is, therefore, expedient for the City to proceed with the enlargement of the Mechanic Arts High School without delay,"

and that although this necessity has been clear for a matter of half a dozen years, and has been passed on by three superintendents and several successive School Boards, the Mayor's signature to all contracts for the construction and equipment of the building is being withheld now on the ground that the Building Trades Section of the Central Labor Union has made objection to the contract for heating and ventilating being awarded to the lowest bidder.

It may well be that this is a matter which His Honor the Mayor should investigate, but it is obvious that there is no good and sufficient reason why the general building contract should not be signed now, as the heating and ventilating contract is independent of the main contract for the building, and we are informed that the rest of the work can go forward without delay and without embarrassment even if the heating and ventilating contract is not signed for some time. It seems clear that the work of constructing this important and long deferred addition should be immediately commenced. The need is pressing, labor is just now more than usually available for the prompt prosecution of the work, and whatever reason there may be for withholding the execution of the specific contract objected to, there seems to exist no good and sufficient reason for refusing to sign the general building contract.

I transmit herewith a copy of my letter to the Mayor dated November 16, written after consultation with the members of the School Board, pointing out that if the contracts for the new Mechanic Arts High School were signed at once, so that work might promptly be commenced, a sufficient number of the rooms could be made available at the opening of the next fall term, and that otherwise it would be necessary to turn away again from the school a large number of boys who wish for this type of education, together with a copy of a reply received from His Honor the Mayor.

Yours respectfully,
James J. Storrow,
Chairman, Boston School Committee.

November 16, 1907.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by Mr. C. W. Parmenter, Principal of the Mechanic Arts High School, that if the contract for the new Mechanic Arts High School Building is signed at once, the contractor assures him that some of the rooms at least can be made available for candidates for the first year's class next September, who otherwise it will be necessary to turn away.

I transmit this information to you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,
James J. Storrow,
Chairman, Boston School Committee.

CITY OF BOSTON,
Office of the Mayor,
November 18, 1907.

James J. Storrow, Esq.,
Chairman, School Committee,
44 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. in regard to the contract for the new Mechanic Arts High School Building, and I note what you say in regard to the probability of the building being completed before the school term of 1903 commences.

The Building Trades Section of the Boston Central Labor Union, through its Secretary, has filed a protest in this office, under date of August 10, 1907, against awarding the contract for heating and ventilating this building to A. B. Franklin & Company, and I am going to ask the Schoolhouse Commissioners to look into this subject at once and report to me their findings. When this report is made I intend to discuss the matter with them. You may be sure that I will move in the matter just as speedily as possible.

Yours very truly,
John F. Fitzgerald,
Mayor.

Accepted, and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That a copy of the foregoing communication from the Chairman of the Board, with reference to the Mechanic Arts High School, be transmitted to His Honor the Mayor, and that he be requested to sign the general building contract for the addition to the Mechanic Arts High School-house in order that the possibility of utilizing said addition at the beginning of the next school year may not be wholly cut off by further delay.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR QUINCY SCHOOL PUPILS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to provide more convenient school accommodations for those pupils formerly attending the Quincy School-house, who are now assigned to temporary quarters on Moon street.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 6:41 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Dec. 2, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the reading of the records of the meetings of Nov. 18 and 20 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

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SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN RESIDING IN ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

A communication was received from William H. Potter, under date of Nov. 26, 1907, on behalf of a committee appointed by parents of children residing in the Aberdeen District, with reference to the action taken by the Board at its meeting of Nov. 18, whereby the Superintendent was directed to appoint a teacher for service in the Aberdeen School to take charge of pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, and requesting a further hearing in the matter.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. William H. Potter, Russell J. Goodnow and Josiah S. Dean, appeared, and the latter addressed the Board, stating the objections of the parents concerned to transferring their children, most of whom have already entered the Brookline schools for the current term in the belief that the city would continue as heretofore to pay the tuition of such children, and urging the continuance of the former policy of the Board for the present year.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Brock offered the following:

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ORDERED, That the action taken by this Board at its meeting of Nov. 18, 1907, whereby the Superintendent was directed to appoint a teacher for service in the Aberdeen School, to take charge of pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, is hereby rescinded.

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ORDERED, That children residing in the Aberdeen District, and on that part of Corey Hill lying within the city limits, who are now attending the Brookline schools, be permitted to continue therein during the remainder of the current school year, the cost of tuition of such pupils during said year to be assumed by this Board.

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ORDERED, That the Superintendent be instructed to appoint a teacher for service in the Aberdeen School to take charge of pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, beginning with the school year of 1908-09.

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ORDERED, That from and after the beginning of the school year 1908-09, the city will no longer assume the expense of tuition of pupils residing in the Aberdeen District, or on Corey Hill, who may desire to attend the Brookline schools.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the four orders immediately foregoing were laid on the table.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation as reported by the Superintendent, and laid over at the meeting of Nov. 18.

The appointments were approved.

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Chairman stated the question was on the passage of an order laid over at the meeting of Nov. 18, amending section 296 and chapter XX of the regulations (see minutes pp. 169, 170).

The order passed.

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RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

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(To Retire from the Service.)

Mary Hemenway District—Mary A. Maloney, assistant, Dec. 3, 1907.

Phillips District—Katharine W. Moffatt, assistant, Dec. 1, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Eva M. Morand, first assistant, grammar school, Jan. 1, 1908.

William E. Russell District—Florence M. Bell, assistant, Jan. 1, 1908.

Accepted.

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The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Blackinton District—Hortense J. Parker, from Nov. 13, 1907.

Brimmer District—Margaret F. Cummings, from Nov. 14, 1907.

Everett District—Nellie F. Sheehan, from Nov. 5, 1907.

Horace Mann School—Mary E. Jenkins, Sept. 11, 12 and 13, 1907, three days.

Lewis District—Dorothy M. Carney, from Nov. 5, 1907.

Longfellow District—Frances M. Flanagan, from Nov. 23, 1907.

Lowell District—Louise Graham, from Nov. 11 until Dec. 16, 1907, inclusive.

Martin District—Anna Sansiper, Nov. 18, 1907, one day.

Norcross District—Anna F. Gorman, from Dec. 3 to 16, 1907, inclusive.

Phillips District—Deborah F. Barry, from Dec. 2, 1907; Mary E. Smith (Normal School, Class of 1906), from Dec. 2 to 16, 1907, inclusive.

Robert G. Shaw District—Mabel V. Mulrey, kindergarten, from Sept. 11, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Sigrid T. Larson, from Nov. 11 until Dec. 16, 1907, inclusive.

Sherwin District—Julia V. Guiney, from Dec. 2, 1907.

Shurtleff District—Anna E. Murphy, from Nov. 18 until Dec. 16, 1907, inclusive.

Wells District—Mary A. Ford, Nov. 18 and 19, 1907, two days; Fannie W. Weeks, from Nov. 20 until Dec. 16, 1907, inclusive.

Approved.

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TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Martin District—Maurice J. O'Brien, assistant, from Dec. 2, 1907.

Sewing—Helena M. Doherty, teacher, from Nov. 18, 1907.

Placed on file.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Lucy F. Hunter, special assistant instructor of physical training, two days a week, from Dec. 7, 1907.

Everett District—Margaret A. F. Cotter, assistant, from Dec. 23, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Mary H. Leavey, assistant, from Nov. 11 until Dec. 3, 1907.
Approved.

ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Brighton High School—Frankie E. Sullivan, assistant instructor (under a special order), from Jan. 2, 1908.
Dudley District—Mary L. Veazie, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Eliot District—Anna I. Ryan, fourth year, Harriet White, assistants; Mildred M. Hood, assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Longfellow District—Mabel A. Hebb, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907; Elizabeth A. Keenan, assistant, from Jan. 4, 1908; Katherine A. Daly, assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Lowell District—Louise Graham, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Lyman District—Mary C. Carr, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Mather District—M. Cecilia Power, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Norcross District—Jennie M. Gray, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1908; Anna F. Gorman, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Phillips District—Mary E. Smith (Normal School, Class of 1906), assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—Sigrid T. Larson, Anna L. Sullivan, assistants, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Shurtleff District—Anna E. Murphy, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Wells District—Dora L. Lourie, Fannie W. Weeks, assistants, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Laid over.

(By Promotion.)

Normal School—Katharine H. Shute, first assistant, head of the department of English, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Brimmer District—John J. Maloney, submaster, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Eliot District—Margaret V. Quinlan, first assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Washington Allston District—Jessie W. Kelly, master's assistant, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Supervisor of Practice—Gertrude E. Bigelow, from Dec. 17, 1907.
Laid over.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dorchester High School—Elizabeth M. Wood, assistant instructor.
West Roxbury High School—Mabel E. Woodworth, special assistant.
Adams District—Caroline G. Chard, assistant.
Bowditch District—Gertrude A. Poor, assistant.
Bowdoin District—Susan S. Faden, assistant.
Christopher Gibson District—Mary I. McIsaac, assistant.
Comins District—Grace M. Goodrich, assistant.
Eliot District—Paul V. Donovan, submaster.
Emerson District—Anna A. Aronie, Ethel A. Duclos, Lena A. Sherwood, assistants.
George Putnam District—Mary M. French, assistant.
Gilbert Stuart District—Grace L. White, assistant, kindergarten.
Hancock District—Ethel S. Murkland, assistant, kindergarten.
Hugh O'Brien District—Anna L. Smith, assistant, kindergarten.
Phillips District—Joel W. Reynolds, submaster; William T. Miller, assistant.
Thomas Gardner District—Herbert F. Sylvester, sub-master; Dorothy Hill, assistant, kindergarten.
Washington District—Frances Burnee, Mary V. Cronin, Mary C. Locke, Alice E. MacKusick, Charlotte R. Weild, assistants.
Wells District—Eleanore E. Hubbard, Amy V. Kingston, Emma S. McNamara, assistants; Fannie M. Gueth, assistant, kindergarten.

Drawing and Manual Training—Walter Sargent, director.
Household Science and Arts—Josephine Morris, supervisor.
Kindergartens—Caroline D. Aborn, director.
Approved.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Franklin School—Mary L. Keefe, assistant, from Oct. 28, 1907.
Phillips Brooks School—Elmer E. Harris, assistant, from Nov. 18, 1907.
Quincy School—Louis Casabona, interpreter, from Nov. 11, 1907.
Approved.

EMERGENCY LIST FOR EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High Schools—Assistant.

Grant Drake.

Approved.

TRANSFERS.

Brimmer District—James A. Treanor, submaster, to the same position in the Minot District, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Lewis District—Arthur L. Gould, submaster, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Lyman District—John J. Maloney, assistant, to the same position in the Brimmer District, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Martin District—Mary D. Chadwick, assistant, to the same position in the Longfellow District; Blanche E. Fallon, assistant, Alicia F. McDonald, first assistant in charge, Aloyse B. Tierney, assistant, Helen G. Gormley, assistant, kindergarten, to the same positions in the Oliver Wendell Holmes District; Alice B. Fuller, assistant, to the same position in the Minot District; Katherine G. Garrity, assistant, to the same position in the William E. Russell District; Hugh J. McElaney, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Dudley District; Mary L. B. Reynolds, assistant, to the same position in the Winthrop District; Anna M. White, first assistant, kindergarten, Willena E. Browne, assistant, kindergarten, to the same positions in the Rice District; from Dec. 1, 1907.
Norcross District—Mary A. I. O'Brien, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Nellie G. Kelley, first assistant in charge, Anna M. Doherty, special assistant, kindergarten, to the same positions in the Martin District; Anna E. Burke, special assistant, to the same position in the Mary Hemenway District; from Dec. 1, 1907.
Rice District—Lucy Kummer, first assistant, kindergarten, Margaret C. Seaver, assistant, kindergarten, to the same positions in the Martin District, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Washington District—Helen J. Gormley, assistant, to the same position in the Bowditch District, from Nov. 5, 1907.
William E. Russell District—Elizabeth W. O'Connor, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 1, 1907.
Phillips Brooks Evening School—Hannah Greenberg, assistant, to the same position in the Bowdoin Evening School, from Nov. 18, 1907.
Placed on file.

ATTENDANT IN KINDERGARTEN.

Comins District—(Smith-street Kindergarten), Lillian M. Bierfeldt, from Nov. 13, 1907.
Placed on file.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—William H. Godfrey, master, Dec. 10, 1907, one-half day.

Blackinton District—Alice M. MacDonald, assistant, Nov. 11 and 12, 1907, one and one half days.

Dearborn District—Sarah A. Driscoll, assistant, Nov. 14, 1907, one day.

Dillaway District—Emma S. Gulliver, master, Nov. 12, 1907, one-half day; Mary E. Cole, assistant, from Nov. 11 to 19, 1907, six and one-half days; Lena Lee, assistant, from Nov. 12 to 15, 1907, four days.

Dudley District—Elizabeth F. Johnson, assistant, from Nov. 1, 1907, until Feb. 1, 1908.

George Putnam District—Mary B. Tenney, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1907, until Jan. 2, 1908.

Hancock District—Annie G. Colbert, assistant, Nov. 20, 1907, one-half day.

Hyde District—Anna F. Cotter, assistant, Nov. 12, 1907, one-half day.

Lowell District—Caroline F. Cutler, first assistant in charge, Nov. 21, 1907, one-half day.

Martin District—Mary L. B. Reynolds, assistant, from Nov. 2 to 27, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Ida K. McGiffert, first assistant in charge, from Nov. 19 to 27, 1907, six and one-half days; Emily F. Small, assistant, Dec. 2, 1907, one day.

Mather District—Elizabeth Donaldson, first assistant in charge, Nov. 8, 1907, one-half day.

Minot District—Lillian A. Richardson, assistant, Nov. 21, 1907, one-half day.

Oliver Hazard Perry District—Stanley A. Starratt, sub-master, Nov. 1 to 8, 1907, six days.

Prescott District—Esther F. Sullivan, assistant, Nov. 27, 1907, one-half day; Lizzie Simpson, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1907, until Mar. 4, 1908.

Thomas N. Hart District—Mary I. Hamilton, first assistant, kindergarten, Nov. 8, 1907, one day.

Warren District—Katharine L. Roche, first assistant, kindergarten, Nov. 18, 1907, one day.

Washington District—Mary C. Locke, assistant, Nov. 1, 1907, one day; Elizabeth A. Lyons, assistant, kindergarten, from Nov. 16, 1907, until Mar. 16, 1908.

Winthrop District—Mary L. B. Reynolds, assistant, from Dec. 2 to 24, 1907.

Manual Training—Celia B. Hallstrom, instructor, Nov. 19, 1907, one-half day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teacher, without pay, for the term specified:

Everett District—Ethel W. Smith, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1907, until Mar. 5, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teacher, without loss of pay, for the term specified:

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Josephine Hammond, first assistant, from Jan. 2 to 6, 1908, inclusive.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of thirteen minors to be licensed to sell newspapers.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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The Superintendent reported that he had revoked the license of a minor to sell newspapers for violation of the conditions on which said license was granted.

Approved.

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SALARY OF SUPERVISOR OF PRACTICE.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the salary of the supervisor of practice, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1908, be fixed as follows: First year $1332, annual increase $72, maximum $1836.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the appointment of an assistant instructor in the Brighton High School, in excess of the number allowed by the rules, is hereby authorized for the remainder of the school year 1907-08.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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RANK OF ALICE A. SWETT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, stating that he had received an application from Alice A. Swett, master's assistant in the Washington Allston District, for restoration to her former position of first assistant, grammar school, in the same district, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the rank of Alice A. Swett, master's assistant in the Washington Allston District, be that of first assistant, grammar school, in the same district, to date from Dec. 17, 1907.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CHARLES H. REARDON.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That Charles H. Reardon, armorer, be granted leave of absence without pay from Dec. 1, 1907, to Feb. 1, 1908.

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APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ARMORER.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That John Reardon be employed as temporary armorer from Dec. 1, 1907, to Feb. 1, 1908; his compensation for such service to be at the rate of ten hundred and fifty dollars ($1050) per annum.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO TEACHERS OF DRAWING AND MANUAL TRAINING.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the teachers of drawing and manual training in the high and elementary schools be granted leave of absence without loss of pay for the purpose of attending the State Institute in Manual Training and Arts, to be held at the Massachusetts Normal Art School on Friday, Dec. 13, 1907, and that their classes be dismissed on that day.

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PAYMENT TO NICHOLAS D. APOSTOLES.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Nicholas D. Apostoles the sum of twenty-eight dollars ($28) for services as interpreter in the Quincy Evening School, and the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for services as interpreter in the Washington Allston Evening School, a total of forty-eight dollars ($48), from Oct. 22, 1907, to Nov. 22, 1907.

PAYMENT TO GAETANO CAVICCHIA.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Gaetano Cavicchia the sum of twenty dollars ($20) for services as interpreter in the Christopher Columbus Evening School from Oct. 28, 1907, to Nov. 8, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO LOUIS CASABONA.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Louis Casabona the sum of twenty-eight dollars ($28) for services as interpreter in the Quincy Evening School from Oct. 22, 1907, to Nov. 8, 1907, inclusive.

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ELIGIBILITY OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS: AMENDMENT OF RECORDS.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the minutes of Nov. 7 be amended on page 163 by striking out that part of the schedule showing the eligibility of holders of certain certificates of qualification for appointment to the positions of principal, first assistant and assistant of evening elementary schools, and substituting in place thereof the following schedule relating to said positions:—

EVENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

PRINCIPAL.

1. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 10, 1907.
2. Second Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
3. Grammar School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
4. Grammar School, Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
5. Elementary School, Master—
   From June 25, 1906.
6. Elementary School, Class A—
   From June 25, 1906.
7. Evening High School, Principal—
   From June 10, 1907.
8. Evening Elementary School, Principal—
   From June 10, 1907.

FIRST ASSISTANT and ASSISTANT.

1. First Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
2. High School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
3. High School, Head-Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
4. Third Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
5. High School, Class B—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to Nov. 29, 1901.
6. High School—
   From Nov. 29, 1901.
7. Second Grade—
   From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
8. Grammar School, Class A—
   From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
9. Grammar School, Master—
   From Nov. 29, 1901, to June 25, 1906.
10. Elementary School, Master—
    From June 25, 1906.
11. Elementary School, Class A—
    From June 25, 1906.
12. Fourth Grade—
    From 1877 to Dec. 27, 1892.
13. Grammar School, Class B—
    From Dec. 27, 1892, to June 25, 1906.
14. Normal, Grammar School, Class B—
    From 1872 to June 25, 1906.
15. Normal, Grammar School, Special—
    From June 13, 1905, to June 25, 1906.
16. Elementary School, Class B—
    From June 25, 1906.
17. Normal, Elementary School, Class B—
    From June 25, 1906.
18. Elementary School, Special—
    From June 25, 1906.
19. Fifth Grade—
    From 1877 to 1878.
20. Special Grade—
    From 1877 to Mar. 8, 1881.
21. Evening High School, Principal—
    From June 10, 1907.
22. Evening High School—
    From June 10, 1907.
23. Evening Elementary School, Principal—
    From June 10, 1907.
24. Evening Elementary School—
    From June 10, 1907.

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CLAIM OF MARGARET DAVIS FOR INJURY TO DAUGHTER.

A vote of the Committee on Claims, under date of Nov. 15, 1907, to recommend settlement of the claim of Margaret Davis for compensation for injury to her daughter, May Davis, on June 9, 1905, by payment of the sum of $133, was received through His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That the Committee on Claims be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that this Board does not understand that it has authority to approve the payment of such claims, and consequently does not desire to assume any responsibility with reference thereto.

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EXTENSION TO MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Nov. 23, 1907, stating that the Mayor has signed the building contract and the heating and ventilating contract for the extension to the Mechanic Arts High School.

Placed on file.

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TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR QUINCY SCHOOL PUPILS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Nov. 25, 1907, stating that the three classes of Quincy School pupils, which were temporarily located in the parochial building on Moon street, were transferred to the old Pierpont Building on Hudson street, on Nov. 29, 1907.

Placed on file.

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CERTIFICATION OF JANITORS FOR TEMPORARY SERVICE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at the meeting of Nov. 18, stating that requisition has been made upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of persons willing to perform temporary janitor service at varying rates of compensation, the persons thus certified to reside in various sections of the city. In response to this requisition a communication has been received from the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, under date of Nov. 22, stating that civil service rule 34, with regard to appointments for temporary service, appears to cover such employment; that if in making an appointment under this rule it becomes necessary to employ a person for more than ten days, the Civil Service Commission will undoubtedly authorize such employment; and that it seems inexpedient to make a certification from the eligible list of persons for such intermittent and temporary employment.

Placed on file.

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COMPENSATION OF JANITORS, MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, in response to the reference to him at the

meeting of Nov. 18, of a communication from the Trustees of the Music Department, with reference to the determination of an equitable rate of compensation for janitor service in certain buildings in connection with municipal concerts, recommending that the janitor of the Dorchester High School-house be authorized to make a charge of $14, and the janitor of the Roxbury High School-house a charge of $10 for services when the halls of these buildings are used for concerts or similar entertainments outside of school hours, because of the considerable amount of extra labor necessitated by such occupancy.

Laid on the table.

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CERTIFIED AREAS, NORMAL SCHOOL GROUP OF BUILDINGS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, submitting a certified statement of the areas of the Normal School Group of Buildings, upon which the salary of the janitor of said buildings is to be based.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Chairman was authorized to approve the aforesaid certification, to take effect Dec. 1, 1907.

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RESIGNATION OF A JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, enclosing the resignation of Margaret Kelly as janitor of the Quincy-street School-house, to date from Dec. 1, 1907.

The communication was placed on file, and the resignation accepted.

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JANITORSHIP, BAILEY-STREET AND PORTABLE NOS. 70 AND 84 SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Bailey-street and Portable Nos. 70 and 84 School-houses, and recommending the transfer of Andrew J. Dole, janitor of the Walnut-street School-house, the applicant standing at the head of the list, to said position, to date from Dec. 5, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis the transfer of Andrew J. Dole to said position was approved from the date stated.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Bailey-street and Portable Nos. 70 and 84 School-houses, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Edward Powers for a period of ten days or less, to date from Nov. 21, 1907.

Placed on file.

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Also a further communication, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, reporting the reappointment of Mr. Powers as aforesaid for a further period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 1, 1907.

Approved.

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PAYMENT TO EDWARD POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $20.67 to Edward Powers, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Bailey-street and Portable Nos. 70 and 84 School-houses, from Nov. 21 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Edward Powers the sum of twenty and 67-100 dollars ($20.67) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Bailey-street and Portable Nos. 70 and 84 School-houses, from Nov. 21 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO THOMAS BRENNAN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $10.66 to Thomas Brennan for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Nov. 13 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Thomas Brennan the sum of ten and 66-100 dollars ($10.66) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Nov. 13 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

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PAYMENT TO FRANK L. WASHBURN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, recommending the payment of $6.90 to Frank L. Washburn, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, from Nov. 18 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Frank L. Washburn the sum of six and 90-100 dollars ($6.90) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, from Nov. 18 to 20, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, APPLETON - STREET PORTABLE SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 27.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, stating that Portable School-house No. 27, located in the yard of the Appleton-street School, had been reopened for school purposes, and recommending that George W. Collings, janitor of the main building, be appointed janitor of the portable school-house, to date from Nov. 21, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the appointment of George W. Collings as aforesaid was approved from the date stated.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

A report was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, of the services performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the period from Nov. 17 to Dec. 2, 1907, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF QUINCY EVENING SCHOOL TO BRIMMER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the Quincy Evening School be transferred to the Brimmer School-house during such part of the current school term as repairs on the Quincy School-house are in progress.

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APPROVAL OF PAY ROLLS AND BILLS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the pay rolls and bills, both regular and special, for the month of

December, 1907, prepared and certified to by the Auditor, be approved on behalf of this Board by Mr. Brock.

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ALLOTMENT OF INCOME OF GIBSON FUND TO SCHOOLS OF DORCHESTER AND SOUTH BOSTON.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the allotment to the various high and grammar schools in South Boston and Dorchester of the income of the Gibson Fund appropriated for use of said districts, be referred to Mr. Thomas J. Kenny with full powers.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the income of the Gibson Fund to the extent of thirty-eight hundred dollars ($3800) be allowed for use of the schools of Dorchester and South Boston ($1900 to each).

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THEIR COLOR SCHEMES.

The report of the Committee of Oculists and Electricians appointed in April to consider and report on the artificial lighting and color schemes of school buildings, was received.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the report was laid on the table, and ordered printed as a school document.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was directed to transmit copies of the report to the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, and to invite the members of the Commission to attend the next meeting of the Board for further and joint consideration of the recommendations contained in the aforesaid report; also that a copy of the report be transmitted to the Schoolhouse Custodian, and that his attention be called to the recommendations contained therein with regard to the care of lighting fixtures and window shades by school janitors.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That this Board extends to the Committee of Oculists and Electricians, appointed to consider the artificial lighting of school buildings and their color schemes, an assurance of its full appreciation of the painstaking and thorough investigation and experiments conducted by the members of the committee, and its cordial thanks for the valuable and instructive report in which the committee has set forth the results of its study of a subject of great importance to the welfare of both pupils and teachers.

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CLASS IN GAELIC, EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from Patrick J. O'Daly, and fifty-two others, under date of Nov. 13, 1907, stating their desire to obtain instruction in the Gaelic language, and pledging themselves to attend such a class if established in an evening high school.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Storrow, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be instructed to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a class in Gaelic in the Central Evening High School after the Christmas vacation, under the regulations covering evening high schools, and that the Secretary be directed to inform the petitioners that such a class will be organized and continued until the close of the term; provided, the average attendance of pupils shall not fall below twenty-five.

CELEBRATION OF WHITTIER'S BIRTHDAY.

A communication, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, was received from Eliza Benjamin, Josephine Selden, and William Monroe Trotter, for the Committee of Arrangements of the Boston Citizens' Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of John Greenleaf Whittier, requesting that suitable exercises be held in each school during the morning session on Dec. 17, the 100th anniversary of Whittier's birth; that the afternoon of said day be made a half-holiday; and that, one pupil from each class be sent as a representative to the afternoon session of the celebration at Parker Memorial, at which Col. T. W. Higginson and others will tell of Whittier's life and poems.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be requested to arrange for the holding of appropriate exercises in the public schools on Dec. 17, 1907, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Greenleaf Whittier, and that the sending of representatives from various classes to the exercises to be held in Parker Memorial during the afternoon of Dec. 17 be referred to the Superintendent with full powers.

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INCIDENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Head-master of the Roxbury High School, under date of Nov. 26, 1907, with reference to sundry incidental expenses in connection with the administration of high schools, which have been assumed by the principals of such schools, and requesting that he be reimbursed the cost of cards on which the records of pupils are kept.

Referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report at the next meeting of the Board.

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ERECTION OF TABLET AND NAMING OF HALL OF GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOLHOUSE.

A communication was received from Lindsay Swift, on behalf of the Trustees of the Alumnae Association of the Girls' Latin School, under date of Dec. 2, 1907, requesting that the association be allowed to erect a bronze tablet in the hall of the new building to commemorate the fact that the association and other friends of the school have placed on the walls of this hall casts of the Parthenon frieze, and that the room be called John Tetlow Hall.

Laid on the table.

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DECORATION OF RICE SCHOOLHOUSE.

The communication received from the Public School Art League and laid on the table at the meeting of Nov. 18, requesting permission to decorate the Rice Schoolhouse, was taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the aforesaid application of the Public School Art League be granted, the decorations to be subject to the approval of the Director of Drawing and Manual Training.

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COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE FIRST THREE GRADES.

The communication from the Board of Superintendents, received at the meeting of Sept. 30, with reference to the lengthening of the afternoon recess, and the introduction of games and manual training dur-

ing the last hour of the afternoon session in elementary schools, was taken from the table, and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to furnish at this time necessary material to enable the recommendations of the Board of Superintendents, contained in its communication under date of Sept. 26, 1907, with reference to the lengthening of afternoon recesses and the introduction of games and manual training in the elementary schools, to be carried into effect at an expense not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars ($1500).

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JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue a draft in the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) in favor of Assistant Superintendent Maurice P. White, and to charge the same to the appropriation for the exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition; the money to be expended by Mr. White in payment of expenses connected with said exhibit, and an itemized account of these expenses to be made to the Auditor.

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EXPENDITURE FOR TEXT-BOOKS, EVENING SCHOOLS.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That an additional expenditure not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500) is hereby authorized for the purchase of text-books for use in the evening schools.

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TUITION OF BOSTON PUPIL IN BROOKLINE SCHOOLS.

An application was received from Burton F. Reed, residing on Audubon road, that the city assume the cost of tuition of his daughter who is attending the eighth grade of the John Runkle School in Brookline.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to reply thereto, stating the reasons why the Board does not feel that it can approve the application.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board went into executive session.
The doors were opened.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 11:35 o'clock p.m.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Dec. 16, 1907.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding

Present: All the members.

AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of the Superintendent, the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 2 were amended on page 176 as follows:

Appointment of Elizabeth A. Keenan as assistant on probation in the Longfellow District, to date from Jan. 2, 1908, instead of from Jan. 4, 1908.

On motion of William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of said meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPOINTMENT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, withdrawing the appointment on probation of Anna I. Ryan as assistant in the Eliot District, to date from Dec. 17, 1907, she having declined to accept the position.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the meeting of Dec. 2, with the exception of the appointment of Gertrude E. Bigelow as supervisor of practice.

The appointments with the foregoing exception were approved.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointment of Gertrude E. Bigelow as supervisor of practice, to date from Dec. 17, 1907.

The roll was called, and the appointment was approved by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, Storrow—5.

Nays—0.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PUPILS OF WALNUT-STREET SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commission, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, reporting that the Walnut-street school-house was seriously damaged by fire on the night of Dec. 6, 1907, and cannot be occupied for school purposes until repairs have been made thereon. In order that the classes therein may be continued, the Schoolhouse Commission has hired rooms in the Trinity Congregational Church for three classes, a building nearly opposite the school-house for two classes, and one room in the Methodist Episcopal Church for one class, making accommodations for six classes. The rooms referred to are fitted up for school purposes and were occupied Dec. 16, 1907.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

(To Retire from the Service.)

Bowditch District—Sara L. Palmer, assistant, Dec. 28, 1907.

Eliot District—Harriet E. Lampee, assistant, Dec. 1, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Annie Wynne, assistant, Nov. 26, 1907.

Accepted.

(To Accept Promotion in the Service.)

Bowditch District—Lena L. Carpenter, assistant, Dec. 3, 1907.

Gilbert Stuart District—Ellen W. Porter, assistant, kindergarten, Dec. 3, 1907.

Hyde District—Susan J. Ginn, assistant, Dec. 3, 1907.

Jefferson District—Catharine L. Gately, assistant, kindergarten, Dec. 3, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Adams District—Aloyse M. Owen, Nov. 14, 1907, one day.

Chapman District—Rose J. Geggis, from Nov. 22, 1907; Mary M. Hayes, from Nov. 18 to 21, 1907, inclusive, four days.

Dudley District—Sally S. Allen, kindergarten, from Nov. 11, 1907.

George Putnam District—Margaret M. O'Brien, Sept. 18 and 19, 1907, two days.

Lincoln District—E. Cecilia Mackin, from Dec. 3 to 20, 1907.

Lyman District—Gertrude A. Power, from Dec. 16, 1907; Helen E. Wray, from Nov. 19, 1907.

Martin District—Helen T. Carmody, from Dec. 2 to 6, 1907; Frances G. Dixon, from Dec. 9 to 20, 1907; Margaret R. Kenneally, from Dec. 2 to 6, 1907; Jennie G. Maguire, from Dec. 2 to 13, 1907; Aloyse M. Owen, from Nov. 19, 1907; Gertrude A. Power, from Dec. 2 to 13, 1907.

Mary Hemenway District—Mary H. Leavey, from Dec. 3, 1907.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Florence Rice, from Dec. 2, 1907.

Roger Wolcott District—Eleanor F. Morris, Dec. 3 and 4, 1907, two days; Helen F. Farrell, from Dec. 9, 1907, until Jan. 6, 1908, inclusive.

Shurtleff District—Anna E. Murphy, from Nov. 4 to 15, 1907, inclusive.

Thomas Gardner District—May E. Briggs, from Dec. 2, 1907.

Wells District—Alice M. Conley, from Dec. 13, 1907, until Jan. 6, 1908, inclusive; Mary R. Stapleton, from Dec. 16, 1907.

Winthrop District—Ella M. Dolben, kindergarten, from Dec. 16, 1907.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Blackinton District—Eva M. Cotton, assistant, from Dec. 16, 1907.

Dwight District—Bessie C. MacBrine, assistant, from Dec. 9, 1907.

Prince District—Maurice J. O'Brien, submaster, from Dec. 16, 1907.

Placed on file.

ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Adams District—Elizabeth J. Murphy, assistant, from Jan. 7, 1908.

Bunker Hill District—Nellie E. Powers, assistant in charge of a special class, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Eliot District—Bridget T. Boyle, assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Lyman District—Alice D. Murley, assistant, from Jan. 7, 1908.
Mather District—Minnie A. Day, assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 7, 1908.
Roger Wolcott District—Julia R. O'Brien, assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 2, 1908; Helen F. Farrell, assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 7, 1908.
Wells District—Alice M. Conley, assistant, from Jan. 7, 1908.
Laid over.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dorchester High School—Rebekah C. Riley, special assistant instructor in drawing; Mary A. Ward, special assistant.
Franklin District—Elizabeth Greenman, assistant.
Lyman District—Rose G. Harris, assistant.
Prescott District—Elizabeth V. Mahoney, assistant.
Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.
Term of 1907-08.

Central High School—Agnes C. Strebeigh, assistant, from Oct. 22, 1907.
South Boston High School—Francis M. Doyle, special assistant, typewriting, from Nov. 11, 1907.
Quincy School—May Harty, assistant, from Nov. 22, 1907; Gregory S. Vlasto, interpreter, from Dec. 2, 1907.
Washington Allston School—Christos B Tsagris, interpreter, from Dec. 3, 1907.
Drawing—Cornelius Beard, assistant, from Nov. 25, 1907.
Approved.

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EMERGENCY LIST FOR EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High Schools—Assistants, Everett L. Getchell, John Haynes.
Evening Elementary Schools—Assistant, Elmer E. Harris.
Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Girls' Latin School—Ellen C. Griswold, assistant, to the same position in the Dorchester High School, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Dorchester High School—Adeline G. Simmons, assistant, to the same position in the Girls' Latin School, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Adams District—Annie A. Doran, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 9, 1907.
Bigelow District—Katharine A. Cunniff, assistant, to the same position in the Dillaway District, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Blackinton District—Olive A. Kee, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 16, 1907.
Comins District—Elizabeth G. Phelps, assistant, to the same position in the Dillaway District, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Dillaway District—Ellen Carver, Margaret E. Collins, assistants, to the same positions in the Martin District, from Dec. 16, 1907.
Dwight District—Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 16, 1907; Nellie L. Shaw, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 9, 1907.
Eliot District—Irving M. Norcross, submaster, to the same position in the Charles Sumner District, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Franklin District—Margaret E. Hart, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 16, 1907.
Martin District—Viola M. Allen, assistant, to the same position in the Bowditch District, from Jan 1, 1908; Lydia A. Buxton, assistant, to the same position in the Adams District; Charlotte Z. Church, assistant, to the same position in the Jefferson District; Mary V. Gormley, assistant, to the same position in the Dwight District; Alice B. Poor, assistant, to the same position in the Mary Hemenway District; from Dec. 9, 1907.
Norcross District—Mary C. Sullivan, assistant, to the same position in the William E. Russell District, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Mary E. Harris, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 9, 1907.
Roger Wolcott District—Mary E. G. Collagan, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Dec. 9, 1907.
Sherwin District—Mary C. Rogers, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Wells District—Teresa R. Flaherty, assistant, to the same position in the Martin District, from Jan. 1, 1908.
Placed on file.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Comins District—(Smith-street Kindergarten), Helen F. Halton, from Dec. 10, 1907.
Lowell District—(Wyman Kindergarten). Anna P. Kohler, from Dec. 5 to 20, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—
Dorchester High School—Mabel M. Taylor, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1907, until Mar. 11, 1908; Sarah L. O'Toole, assistant instructor, Nov. 15, 1907, one day.
Adams District—Mabel J. Houlahan, first assistant, kindergarten, from Dec. 2, 1907, until Jan. 2, 1908.
Blackinton District—Mabel A. C. Anderson, assistant, Dec. 4, 1907, one day; Annie C. Lamb, assistant, Dec. 2 and 3, 1907, two days.
Bowditch District—Anna E. Marble, first assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 1 until May 1, 1908.
Dearborn District—Helen Doherty, assistant, from Nov. 18, 1907, until Feb. 18, 1908; Annie S. Irvin, assistant, from Jan. 2 until May 1, 1908.
Dudley District—L. Adelaide Colligan, assistant, from Jan. 1 until Apr. 13, 1908.
Dwight District—Mabel E. Latta, assistant, Nov. 16 to 20, 1907, inclusive, four days.
Edward Everett District—Henrietta A. Hill, first assistant, grammar school, Dec. 2, 1907, one day; Etta C. Rochefort, assistant, from Dec. 2, 1907, until Feb. 1, 1908.
Eliot District—Mary E. Hughes, assistant, Dec. 4, 1907, one day.
Emerson District—Grace Bourne, assistant, Dec. 9 and 10, 1907, one and one-half days.
Everett District—Annie J. Reed, assistant, Nov. 21, 1907, one-half day.
Frothingham District—Charles E. Quirk, sub-master, Dec. 5, 1907, one-half day.
George Putnam District—Anna H. O'Connell, assistant, Nov. 20, 1907, one day; Mary B. Tenney, assistant, from Jan. 2 until May 2, 1908.
Hyde District—Jane Reid, first assistant, grammar school, Dec. 9, 1907, one-half day; Anna F. Cotter, assistant, Dec. 6, 1907, one-half day.
John A. Andrew District—Bertha E. Miller, first assistant, grammar school, Dec. 9, 1907, one-half day; Annie M. Driscoll, assistant, Nov. 19, 1907, one day.
Lowell District—Susan E. Chapman, assistant, from Jan. 1 until May 1, 1908.
Martin District—Mary V. Gormley, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907, until Mar. 1, 1908.
Mather District—Ada Cushing, assistant, kindergarten, from Nov. 18, 1907, until Mar. 1, 1908.
Minot District—Jane E. Monahan, assistant, Nov 27, 1907, one-half day.
Oliver Hazard Perry District—Margaret

L. Higgins, assistant, Dec. 5, 1907, one-half day; Elsie M. Gannon, assistant, kindergarten, Nov. 27, 1907, one day.

Phillips District—Henrietta L. Dwyer, assistant, Dec. 2 and 3, 1907, two days.

Prince District—Ellen G. Wiseman, assistant, Nov. 19, 1907, one-half day.

Quincy District—Marion L. Daily, assistant, Nov. 4, 1907, one day; Theresa A. Mullen, assistant, Dec. 4, 1907, one day.

Robert G. Shaw District—Blanche J. Conner, assistant, Nov. 26, 1907, one-half day.

Sherwin District—Sarah E. Gould, assistant, Dec. 11, 1907, one-half day; Mary C. Rogers, assistant, Dec. 11, 1907, one-half day.

Thomas N. Hart District—Mary E. Donnelly, assistant, Dec. 5, 1907, one-half day; Mary E. Farrell, assistant, Dec. 3 and 5, 1907, one and one-half days; Laura J. Gerry, assistant, Dec. 6, 1907, one-half day; Anna T. Mahar, assistant, Dec. 5, 1907, one-half day.

Warren District—Carrie F. Gammell, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1907, until Apr. 11, 1908.

William E. Russell District—Julia J. Ford, assistant, Nov. 7, 1907, one-half day; Charlotte K. Holmes, assistant, Nov. 7, 1907, one day; May C. McDonough, assistant, from Jan. 1 until May 1, 1908.

Winthrop District—Anna M. Murray, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for study, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher, for the term specified:

Franklin District—Abby A. Hayward, assistant, from Jan. 1 until July 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named director, without loss of pay, for the term specified:

Evening and Vacation Schools—Charles M. Lamprey, director, Nov. 25 and 26, 1907.

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MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of five hundred seventy-four minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of fifty-two to be licensed to black boots, and of one to be licensed to act as pedler, said licenses to be in force during the year 1908.

Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CLERK.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, leave of absence on half-pay was granted Elizabeth B. Tivnin, clerk in his office, from Jan. 1, 1908, until Jan. 1, 1909, and her resignation accepted to take effect on the latter date.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that by reason of the absence of John F. Casey, head-master of the English High School, on account of illness, he had designated William B. Snow, master in the school, to take charge thereof until such time as the position of principal is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Placed on file.

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SPECIAL CLASS, WARREN DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that on Oct. 1, 1907, the sessions of the special class in the Warren District were suspended, and that subject to the approval of the Board the class will be transferred to the Bunker Hill District, and the sessions resumed on Jan. 2, 1908.

Approved, and placed on file.

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PROTECTION OF KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN.

A report was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, with reference to the communication from the Common Council requesting that a competent person be assigned to each kindergarten, whose duty it shall be to guard the children from accident on the streets after the close of each session, referred to him at the meeting of Apr. 8, as follows: In each kindergarten there are from one to three teachers, many of them special assistants and Normal School students there for purposes of training, and in nearly every kindergarten there is also an attendant. These teachers and attendants give such attention to the children at the time of dismissal as can be done under the conditions, and the protection afforded is adequate. To furnish attendance sufficient to accompany each of them to their homes would be impossible. He is, therefore, of the opinion that it is inexpedient to furnish additional attendance in the kindergartens.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Common Council.

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ADDITIONAL PRIMARY AND KINDERGARTEN ACCOMMODATIONS, ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

A report was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, with reference to the petition of A. Chalmers, et al., parents of children residing within the territory bounded by Commonwealth avenue, Washington street, Corey road, and Warren street, for kindergarten and primary school accommodations within said territory, referred to him at the meeting of Oct. 7, as follows: There are eighty-seven children of school age living in this territory, seventeen of whom are of kindergarten age, and twenty-eight belong to the first, second and third grades, seven being in private schools. The remaining forty-two are in grades above the third; of these twenty are attending private schools. He is, therefore, of the opinion that it is not at present advisable to establish a separate room for these children in the Corey Hill District.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the petitioners accordingly.

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SETTING-UP DRILL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, with reference to the order of the Board passed at the meeting of Oct. 7, requesting him, after consultation with the Director of Physical Training and Athletics, to report as to the advisability of introducing in the several high schools a setting-up drill for both boys and girls, to occupy a period of about ten minutes each day, stating that the Director of Physical Training and Athletics has made an experimental trial of such a drill in the South Boston High School, which has met with success, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the Director of Physical Training and Athletics is hereby authorized to establish a setting-up drill in

the high schools, in such form as the conditions in the school may warrant.

The communication was placed on file, and the order passed.

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CARMEN STREET CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, with reference to the petition of Joseph P. Dever, et al., residents of Carmen street, that Carmen street be set off from the Christopher Gibson District and included in the Oliver Wendell Holmes District, referred at the meeting of Oct. 21, reporting that he had carefully examined the conditions and finds that the transfer of children now residing on Carmen street to the Oliver Wendell Holmes District would render desirable an additional teacher in that district, without causing any decrease in the number of teachers required in the Christopher Gibson School. He does not, therefore, feel justified in recommending that the boundary lines of the districts be changed.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the petitioners accordingly.

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RINGING OF BELLS FOR NO SESSION SIGNAL, CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, with reference to the order of the Common Council requesting the School Committee to cause the bells in the Charlestown District to be rung on occasions when there is to be no session of school on account of storm, reporting that the feasibility of this action has been considered by Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, who states that it is not possible for the Fire Department to reconstruct its circuits for the purpose desired, and enumerating the different ways for giving notice of the suspension of school sessions on stormy days.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Common Council.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE RESCINDED.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, stating that Gabrielle Abbot, who had previously been granted leave of absence for travel, finds that she is unable to avail herself of such leave, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the action of the School Committee on Oct. 21, 1907, whereby Gabrielle Abbot, an assistant in the Franklin District, was granted leave of absence for travel from Nov. 6, 1907, to Apr. 1, 1908, is hereby rescinded.

Placed on file, and the order passed.

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EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS AND GIRLS' LATIN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, stating that he has received a detailed requisition for equipment and supplies for the industrial department of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts, the cost thereof amounting to approximately $200, and a requisition for the purchase of chemical and laboratory supplies for the equipment of the science department of the same school, to cost approximately $500, and recommending the passage of the following order:

ORDERED, That the Girls' High School of Practical Arts be allowed the sum of seven hundred dollars ($700); of which two hundred dollars ($200) be expended for equipment and supplies for its industrial department, and five hundred dollars ($500) be expended for chemical and other laboratory supplies for the equipment of its science department.

The communication was placed on file, and that part of the foregoing order authorizing the expenditure of $200 for equipment and supplies for the industrial department of the Girls' High School of Practical Arts was passed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the remainder of the order was referred to the next School Board.

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On motion of the same member, the communication received from the Board of Superintendents, and laid on the table at the meeting of Sept. 30 (see p. 133), recommending the expenditure of $500 for apparatus and supplies for the physical laboratory of the Girls' Latin School, was taken from the table and also referred to the next School Board.

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BOSTON SCHOOL EXHIBIT, JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized, on the return of the exhibit sent to the Jamestown Exposition, to establish such portion thereof as he may deem desirable in the Normal School building, the material therein to be renewed under the direction of committees of teachers, from time to time, in such manner as to keep the exhibit fairly representative of the work of the public schools of Boston; and that the Schoolhouse Commission be requested to furnish such additional cases and equipment as may be found necessary for this purpose.

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LECTURERS FOR COURSE IN STATIONARY STEAM ENGINEERING, BIGELOW EVENING SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent is hereby authorized to employ lecturers to conduct a course in stationary steam engineering in the Bigelow Evening School during the remainder of the term of 1907-1908, and that the expense for the same shall be met from the amount already appropriated for a course in salesmanship in that school.

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LECTURES ON METHODS OF TEACHING ARITHMETIC.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Superintendent be authorized to provide a series of lectures and lessons on methods of teaching arithmetic, for teachers of the lower grades in the elementary schools, at an expense not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300).

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AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 229. Add the following paragraph, to be numbered 3:

3. No teacher shall participate in any newspaper, magazine, or other contest, the prizes in which are to be awarded on the basis of the number of votes cast by coupons, or slips, or in any other manner.

Laid over.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 297, paragraph 2. Strike out the paragraph and insert the following in place thereof:

2. Principals of vacation schools shall be appointed in April. In June of each year the Superintendent shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, a list of other teachers and employees of vacation schools. All teachers and employees in the vacation schools shall be assigned from this list by the Superintendent.

Laid over.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 297, paragraph 7. Strike out the paragraph and insert the following in place thereof:

7. Each vacation school shall be entitled to one principal, not more than five first assistants, and for each playground one head of playground. The whole number of teachers and employees, exclusive of the principal, shall not exceed one for each thirty pupils in attendance. The teachers and employees shall be dismissed by the director of evening and vacation schools at the end of any week in which the average attendance has fallen below the number justifying their employment, except that in case of an unusually large number of absences arising from peculiar causes not extending beyond one day in a single week, the director of evening and vacation schools may continue for another week to employ the number of teachers justified by the average attendance on the remaining days of the week in which said unusual absence occurred.

Laid over.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 322. Strike out the section and insert the following:

Sect. 322. In case of the death or disability of the principal of a school or district, or of the head of a special department, it shall be the duty of the senior teacher highest in rank, who is present in such school or department, to notify immediately the superintendent, who shall designate some person in the regular school service to take charge thereof until the position is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations. In such cases the superintendent may, in his discretion, appoint a temporary teacher in such school or department. In case of the death or disability of a master's assistant or a first assistant in charge, the superintendent may, in his discretion, designate some person in the regular school service to perform the duties of the position thus made vacant until it is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations. The superintendent shall report his action to the Board at its next meeting.

Laid over.

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The Superintendent offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Section 435. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:

Sect. 435. There shall be a truant officer force consisting of the chief and as many subordinate officers as the Board may determine, one of whom shall be designated by the superintendent as supervisor of licensed minors.

Laid over.

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PAYMENT TO FRANCIS M. DOYLE.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Francis M. Doyle the sum of thirty-two dollars ($32) for services as typewriting assistant in the South Boston Evening High School from Oct. 14, 1907, to Nov. 7, 1907, inclusive.

PAYMENT TO ETHEL M. HAYES.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Ethel M. Hayes the sum of one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) for services rendered the Board of Superintendents on June 12 and 13, 1907.

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PAYMENT TO GAETANO CAVICCHIA.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That there be paid to Gaetano Cavicchia the sum of ten dollars ($10) for services as interpreter in the Christopher Columbus Evening School from Oct. 21, 1907, to Oct. 25, 1907, inclusive.

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REPORT ON VACATION SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, SEASON OF 1907.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the Secretary be authorized to print as a school document one thousand copies of the report of the Director of Evening and Vacation Schools, on the work of the vacation schools and playgrounds for the season of 1907.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THER COLOR SCHEMES.

The Board proceeded to take up for consideration the report of the Committee on Artificial Lighting of School Buildings and Their Color Schemes, laid on the table at the meeting of Dec. 2.

Dr. Myles Standish, Dr. George S. Derby, Mr. James E. Cole, and Mr. Robert H. Hallowell of the Committee, Mr. R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman of the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, and Mr. Charles Logue of the same Board, were present, and the various recommendations contained in the report were discussed in detail.

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ADDITIONAL ASSISTANTS TO DIRECTOR IN DRAWING.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, stating that in the opinion of educators of the day, the study of drawing fills an important place both as a means of mental development and in industrial training, and said Board believes that the methods of the Director of Drawing and Manual Training have increased the efficiency of his department along both of these lines, and is of the opinion that his efforts should be aided by giving him such additional assistants from time to time as the needs of his department demand. The Board of Superintendents, therefore, recommends the appointment of two additional assistants to the Director in Drawing, one to be appointed now, and the other in September, 1908.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the following order introduced and laid over at the meeting of May 27, was taken up for consideration:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 298. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:

Sect. 298. The department of drawing and manual training shall consist of a director of drawing and manual training, one assistant director of drawing and manual training, one assistant in manual training, and four assistants in drawing.

The order passed.

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STUDY OF IRISH LANGUAGE, EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

A report was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 9, 1907,

with reference to the communication received from Patrick J. O'Daly, requesting the School Committee to establish the study of the Irish language in an evening high school, stating that in view of the action of the School Committee at its meeting of Dec. 2, authorizing the establishment of a class in Gaelic in the Central Evening High School, said Board assumes that it need not further consider the matter.

Placed on file.

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NEWSBOYS' LICENSES.

A report was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 9, 1907, with reference to the communication from the Newsboys' Protective Union recommending that the age limit of minors to whom licenses to sell newspapers may be issued be raised from ten to twelve years, as follows:

Upon investigation of this subject, the Board of Superintendents finds that about one-half of the school boys who hold such licenses at the present time would be cut off from selling papers by the proposed action, and inasmuch as this period is a very active one for every normal boy, it would seem desirable that boys of this age be given encouragement to make themselves useful.

Undoubtedly a very large number of such boys engage in this occupation because it gives them an opportunity to earn a steady income without investing much capital, and while some of them probably do not make the wisest use of the money thus earned, many others devote their earnings very largely to the support of their families. To deprive these boys of such employment would only result in their turning to some other occupation more harmful to their morals. Of course, in some cases boys who hold licenses are tempted to remain on the streets later than they otherwise would, but boys without steady employment would be just as likely, perhaps far more so, to keep late hours and to frequent unsuitable places of amusement.

This Board firmly believes that the influence of successful employment on boys is wholesome and beneficial, and strongly tends towards the upbuilding of sterling character.

For these reasons, therefore, the Board recommends that no change be made in the present regulations relating to the issue of minors' licenses.

Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Newsboys' Protective Union.

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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, withdrawing the amendment to section 441 of the regulations, presented at the meeting of Oct. 21, and submitting in place thereof the following proposed amendment to said section:

Sect. 441, par. 2. Insert in the last line, after the word "authorize" the words:—the chief truant officer to begin, so that the closing sentence of the paragraph will read as follows:

Thereupon, the chief truant officer shall report the same to the assistant superintendent in charge of the school which such child attends, who, with the principal of the district, shall consider the advisability of placing such child in a disciplinary class, and if such action be deemed not advisable, the assistant superintendent may, in his discretion, authorize the chief truant officer to begin legal proceedings against such child.

Add the following as a separate paragraph:

3. In each case of an habitual school offender, the assistant superintendent in charge of the school which such child attends, together with the principal of the district, shall consider the advisability of placing such child in a disciplinary class, and if such action be deemed not advisable, the assistant superintendent may, in his discretion, authorize the chief truant officer to begin legal proceedings against such child.

Laid over.

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COURSE IN MUSIC, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, recommending the adoption of the course of music reading for high schools as outlined by the Director of Music in an accompanying communication; further recommending that for the partial equipment of the high schools with suitable unbound music selections, the sum of $3000 be included in the budget of 1908, $600 of which may be available for immediate use.

Laid on the table.

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AMENDMENTS TO ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, reporting the death of Laura F. Haley, whose name appears in School Document No. 9, 1907, Second List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers, Normal School Elementary Certificates, Prior to 1907,—Class B, page 20 (746).

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 3, 1907, reporting the amendment of School Document No. 9, 1907, Second List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers, as follows:

Page 9, High School Certificates—French (862) Margaret E. Breed, name removed by request.

Page 24, Elementary Certificates, Examined Candidates—Class B (776) Carrie M. Ring, name removed by request.

Placed on file.

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL, DORCHESTER.

A detailed report was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, with reference to the order passed by the Board of Aldermen, requesting the School Committee to provide a new high school in Dorchester to be situated, in the discretion of the Schoolhouse Commission, at some point in the Dorchester District between the South Boston High School and the present Dorchester High School, stating that in the opinion of the Board of Superintendents, the interests of the Dorchester District would be better conserved by the enlargement of the present Dorchester High School-house than by the erection of an entirely new building.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COURSES, EVENING HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, with reference to the advisability and feasibility of introducing more commercial and industrial courses in the evening high and elementary schools, referred at the meeting of Sept. 5, reporting that said Board believes that it is advisable and feasible to introduce more such courses in the evening high schools. The Board, therefore, recommends that the Me-

chanic Arts High School be opened for evening industrial classes, and that instruction be offered in the elements of wood and iron work, and that the Girls' High School of Practical Arts be opened for instruction in those subjects which most concern the welfare and happiness of home life. The Board further recommends that this extension of commercial courses be provided for by an adequate increase in the amount which the School Committee is authorized to appropriate for the support of the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

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MATRONS FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND EVENING HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, with reference to the order passed at the meeting of Sept. 5, requesting that Board to investigate and report upon the advisability of appointing matrons for the new high school buildings to be occupied during the ensuing school year, and also for evening high schools, submitting a list showing the duties of matrons now employed in the day high schools, and stating that these duties might more properly be performed by the special assistants, teachers of physical training, women teachers and janitors of these schools. The Board is, therefore, of the opinion that it is inadvisable to appoint matrons either for the new high school buildings to be occupied during the ensuing school year, or to appoint them for the evening high schools.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, laid on the table.

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COMMISSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE FIRST THREE GRADES.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 13, 1907, stating that in order that the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission of Physicians, with regard to the lengthening of the afternoon recess, and the introduction of games and manual training in the first three grades of the elementary schools, may be carried into effect in certain schools which have already been designated, that Board submits the following recommendations for approval:

1. That kindergarten supplies be furnished the teachers of such rooms in accordance with the accompanying list.
2. That the amount of regular supplies now furnished teachers of grades I., II. and III. be sufficiently increased to meet the requirements of the plan.
3. That additional supplies, approved by the individual assistant superintendents, be furnished at an expense not exceeding $15 for each room concerned.

The cost of carrying into effect items 1 and 2 is not to be included in the expenditure of $1500 authorized by the School Committee on December 2, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the recommendations contained therein were adopted.

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CIVIC READER FOR NEW AMERICANS.

A communication was received from the Auditor, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, with regard to the proposed "Civic Reader for New Americans", stating that the publication of this reader seems to have aroused widespread interest, and a large number of applications for copies have already been received; so many, in fact, that it would involve a very considerable expense to meet them. In view of this situation, inquiry has been made of various publishing houses, including Ginn & Company, D. C. Heath & Company, Silver, Burdett & Company, and the American Book Company, to ascertain if they would be willing to undertake the publication of this reader. The most advantageous proposition to the city has been received from the American Book Company, and the Auditor therefore recommends that the offer of this company be accepted.

Laid over.

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APPOINTMENT OF MESSENGER.

A communication was received from the Auditor, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, submitting for approval the appointment of James G. McCormick as messenger, to date from Dec. 2, 1907, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation on Nov. 24, 1907, of James E. Gannon, the appointment being in accordance with civil service requirements.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the appointment was approved.

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SALARY OF JAMES G. McCORMICK.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the salary of James G. McCormick be fixed at the rate of $25 per month, to date from Dec. 1, 1907, and until otherwise ordered.

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DEATHS OF JANITORS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, reporting the death of Thomas E. Smith, janitor of the Charlestown Evening Drawing School, which occurred on Nov. 30, 1907.

Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, reporting the death of Nelson Weston, janitor of the Bowdoin School-house, which occurred on Dec. 6, 1907.

Placed on file.

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JANITORSHIP, BOWDOIN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Bowdoin School-house, and recommending the transfer of Denis C. Kelly, janitor of the Wyman School-house, the applicant standing at the head of the list, to said position, to date from Dec. 21, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the transfer of Denis C. Kelly to said position was approved from the date stated.

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JANITORSHIP, QUINCY-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that Joel Sargent, janitor of the Cook School-house, is the only applicant for transfer to the janitorship of the Quincy-street School-house, and recommending that he be transferred to that position, to date from Dec. 21, 1907.

Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the transfer of Joel Sargent to said position was approved from the date stated.

JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Secretary was authorized to make requisition on the Civil Service Commission for the certification of candidates for appointment to the janitorship of the Cook School-house.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO AUDITOR.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That leave of absence without loss of pay is hereby granted William J. Porter, Auditor, from Mar. 1 until June 1, 1908.

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SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL SESSIONS, DEC. 23 AND 24, 1907.

Mr. Brock offered the following:

ORDERED, That the sessions of the public schools be suspended on Monday, Dec. 23, and Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1907.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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SALARY OF ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the salary of Alexander M. Sullivan, messenger in the offices of the School Committee, be fixed at the rate of $480 per annum, to date from Jan. 1, 1908, and until otherwise ordered.

LIGHTING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAMBER.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was

ORDERED, That the attention of the Schoolhouse Commission be called to the very defective artificial lighting of the School Committee Chamber, and that said Board be requested to improve the present conditions as speedily as possible.

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SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN RESIDING IN ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

On motion of Mr. Brock, the four orders relating to school accommodations for children residing in the Aberdeen District, which were laid on the table at the previous meeting, were taken from the table and collectively passed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the doors were opened.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board adjourned at 12:25 o'clock A. M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Dec. 20, 1907.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 4:30 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

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APPOINTMENT OF A TRUANT OFFICER.

The Board proceeded to consider various applications for appointment to the position of truant officer, and gave a hearing to each applicant, including three candidates who had been certified by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for such appointment.

The matter was laid over for further consideration.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny in the chair.

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The following appointments by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

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ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Eliot District—Alvin P. Wagg, sub-master, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Henry L. Pierce District—Gertrude L. McCormick, assistant, from Jan. 7, 1908.

Washington District—Minnie D. Penzanski, assistant, from Jan. 7, 1908.

Drawing—Lucy D. Taylor, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Laid over.

TEMPORARY TEACHER, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the employment in the Girls' High School of Katherine S. Nash, an assistant in the Shurtleff Elementary District, for such portion of the year 1908 as the Superintendent may deem expedient, be authorized; Miss Nash to be paid at the same rate as if she were teaching as an assistant in a grammar school.

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On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That while Katherine S. Nash, because of her service in the Girls' High School, is absent from her regular position in the Shurtleff School, her place in that school may be filled by a temporary teacher.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher, for the term specified:—

Girls' High School—Elizabeth L. Smith, assistant, from Jan. 1, 1908, until Jan. 1, 1909.

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MATERIAL FOR COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS, HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That an expenditure not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars ($250) is hereby authorized for the purchase of maps, charts and illustrated material for the teaching of commercial geography and economics in the High School of Commerce.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned at 8 o'clock P.M., to meet Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 5 o'clock P.M.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of School Committee.

Jan. 3, 1908.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 5 o'clock P.M., the Chairman presiding.

Present: All the members.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the reading of the records of the meetings of Dec. 16 and 20 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

APPOINTMENTS OF TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated the question was on approving the appointments of teachers on probation as reported by the Superintendent and laid over at the meetings of Dec. 16 and 20.

The appointments were approved.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1907-08.

The Chairman reported that the total appropriations for the public schools for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1908 (exclusive of physical training, repairs, and new school buildings), amount to $3,498,024.90; that the last draft for the year has been made and the accounts closed, and that the total expenditures amount to $3,495,223.39, leaving an unexpended balance of $2,801.51, as shown by the following detailed statement:

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Salaries of Instructors	$2,830,000.00	$2,830,480.58
Salaries of Officers	102,000.00	100,453.26
Salaries of Janitors	231,000.00	229,549.49
Fuel and Light	147,324.90	148,866.65
Supplies and Incidentals	187,700.00	185,873.41
Totals	$3,498,024.90	$3,495,223.39

Balance unexpended, $2,801.51.

Placed on file.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL, DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

The following communication was received:

City of Boston,
In Common Council, Dec. 19, 1907.

ORDERED, That the School Committee be requested to establish an evening high school in the Dorchester district.

In Common Council, Dec. 19, 1907.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

William J. Barrett, President.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston.

Referred to the School Committee for such action as may be considered best.

Referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

APPROVAL OF FREE EVENING INDUSTRIAL DRAWING SCHOOLS BY COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

A communication was received from Charles H. Morse of the Commission on Industrial Education, under date of Dec. 18, 1907, in response to the order passed by the Board on Nov. 4, requesting said Commission to visit and inspect the free evening industrial drawing schools and to approve the location, courses of study, and methods of instruction pursued in said schools to the end that the Commonwealth shall aid in their maintenance, stating that it is impossible at the present time for the Commission to take any action in the matter in view of an opinion of the Attorney-General, a copy of which was enclosed, and that it is evident that it will be impossible for the Commission to accept any schools in operation which are now required by public statute to be maintained. There is no doubt, however, that it would be legal for the Commission to cooperate in the establishment and maintenance of independent industrial schools of all kinds, including mechanical drawing and art as applied to industry.

Placed on file.

DEATH.

The Superintendent reported the death of the following-named teacher, which occurred on the date stated:—

Longfellow District—Herbert S. Packard, sub-master, Dec. 17, 1907.

Placed on file.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations reported by the Superintendent were presented:—

(To Accept Promotion in the Service.)

Normal School—Gertrude E. Bigelow, Katharine H. Shute, assistants, Dec. 17, 1907.

Brimmer District—John J. Maloney, assistant, Dec. 17, 1907.

Eliot District—Margaret V. Quinlan, assistant, kindergarten, Dec. 17, 1907.

Washington Allston District—Jessie W. Kelly, assistant, Dec. 17, 1907.

Accepted.

The following appointments, confirmations and transfers by the Superintendent, certified by him as being in accordance with the rules and regulations, were presented:—

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Hancock District—Matilda J. Graumann, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Longfellow District—Mary C. Burns, from Jan. 2 to 21, 1908, inclusive.

Oliver Wendell Holmes District—Josephine A. Merrick, from Jan. 7, 1908.

Thomas N. Hart District—Theresa M. Cotter, kindergarten, from Dec. 9 to 13, 1907, inclusive, five days; Grace M. Quirk, kindergarten, Dec. 16, 1907, one day.

Approved.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Clara F. Laughlin, industrial assistant, from Jan. 21, 1908.

Placed on file.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Dearborn District—Violet E. Barry, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Approved.

ON PROBATION.

(From the Eligible List.)

Longfellow District—John Carroll, submaster, from Jan. 21, 1908.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

(By Promotion.)

Manual Training—Sigrid Cederroth, instructor, from Jan. 21, 1908.

Approved, under a suspension of the rules.

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FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dorchester High School—Frances Zirngiebel, assistant.

Bigelow District—Geraldine I. Donoghue, assistant.

Brimmer District—Margaret L. Eaton, first assistant in charge.

Edward Everett District—Maud J. Bray, assistant.

Emerson District—Edith A. Duclos, assistant.

Lawrence District—Edwin C. Howard, sub-master.

William E. Russell District—Sarah E. McMahan, assistant.

Drawing—Amy R. Whittier, assistant.

Approved.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

Term of 1907-08.

Central High School—Margaret J. Sandholzer, clerical assistant, from Jan. 6, 1908.

Charlestown High School—Henry S. Ashton, assistant, from Dec. 2, 1907.

Christopher Columbus School—Gaetano Cavicchia, interpreter, from Nov. 11, 1907; Michele Nigro, interpreter, from Dec. 2, 1907.

Comins School—Edward L. Curran, Susan H. Lane, assistants, from Jan. 6, 1908.

Quincy School—Violet E. Barry, assistant, Nov. 19 and 20, 1907, two nights; Joseph F. Gould, first assistant, Mary C. Burns, Caroline G. Tunis, assistants, from Jan. 6, 1908.

Approved.

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TRANSFERS.

Martin District—Fannie D. Lane, assistant, to the same position in the Sherwin District, from Jan. 1, 1908; Mary A. Nolan, assistant, to the same position in the Lewis District, from Jan. 1, 1908.

Minot District—W. Stanwood Field, sub-master, to the same position in the Lewis District, from Dec. 1, 1907.

Warren Evening School—Marguerite V. Brickley, assistant, to the same position in the Comins Evening School, from Jan. 6, 1908.

Placed on file.

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ATTENDANTS IN KINDERGARTENS.

Thomas Gardner District—(Auburn Kindergarten), Florence M. Graham, from Dec. 16, 1907.

Thomas N. Hart District—(Benjamin Dean Kindergarten), Georgiana Griffin, from Jan. 2, 1908.

Placed on file.

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LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to each of the following-named teachers for the terms specified:—

Girls' Latin School—M. Eloise Talbot, special instructor of physical training, Jan. 2 and 3, 1908, two days.

South Boston High School—Christina M. McCarthy, special assistant, Dec. 19, 1907, one day.

Adams District—Mabel J. Houlahan, first assistant, kindergarten, from Jan. 2 until May 2, 1908.

Bennett District—Leslie D. Hooper, assistant, Dec. 13, 1907, one-half day.

Bunker Hill District—Jacqueline Carroll, assistant, kindergarten, Jan. 2 and 3, 1908, two days.

Dwight District—Blanche A. Russell, assistant, from Dec. 3, 1907, until Feb. 3, 1908; Emma F. Gallagher, assistant, Dec. 13, 1907, one-half day; H. Maude Marshall, assistant, kindergarten, Dec. 9, 1907, one day.

Everett District—Susan E. Abbot, assistant, Dec. 2, 1907, one day.

Franklin District—Rose A. Plunkett, assistant, Nov. 3, 1907, one day; Florence M. Stephens, assistant, Dec. 11, 1907, one-half day; Ruth D. Stevens, assistant, Dec. 16, 1907, one day.

Hancock District—Margaret Mulligan, assistant, Dec. 17, 18 and 19, 1907, two and one-half days.

John A. Andrew District—Helen M. Waterman, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1907, until Mar. 11, 1908.

Longfellow District—Adalyn P. Henderson, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1907, until Apr. 11, 1908.

Mary Hemenway District—Anna E. Leahy, assistant, Dec. 13, 1907, one-half day; Clara A. Perkins, assistant, kindergarten, Dec. 16, 1907, one day.

Prescott District—Lydia E. Hapenny, assistant, Dec. 18, 1907, one day; Agnes M. Turnbull, assistant, Dec. 17, 1907, one day.

Quincy District—Margaret E. Carey, assistant, Dec. 17 and 18, 1907, two days; Ida H. Davis, assistant, Dec. 10 to 20, 1907, inclusive, nine days.

Rice District—Clara C. Dunn, assistant, from Dec. 13 to 16, 1907, one and one-half days.

Roger Wolcott District—Orris L. Beverage, sub-master, Dec. 12, 1907, one-half day.

Sherwin District—Fannie D. Lane, assistant, from Jan. 1 until May 1, 1908.

Thomas Gardner District—Dorothy Hill, assistant, kindergarten, Jan. 2 and 3, 1908, two days.

Warren District—Abbie M. Mott, first assistant, grammar school, from Dec. 5, 1907, until Feb. 1, 1908.

Washington District—James M. Murdock, first assistant, grammar school, Dec. 17, 1907, one-half day.

Wells District—Adelaide E. Badger, assistant, Dec. 16, 1907, one-half day.

William E. Russell District—Edwin T. Horne, master, Dec. 3, 1907, one day; Mary K. Corbett, assistant, Dec. 4, 1907, one day.

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On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence for rest, under the provisions of section 317 of the regulations, was granted to the following-named teacher, for the term specified:

Thomas Gardner District—Annie E. Bancroft, assistant, from Jan. 11 until Apr. 1, 1908.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teachers, without loss of pay, for the terms specified:

Girls' High School of Practical Arts—Herbert S. Weaver, head-master, from Jan. 27 to 30, 1908, inclusive, four days.

Mechanic Arts High School—Charles W. Parmenter, head-master, from Jan. 27 to 30, 1908, inclusive, four days.

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On motion of the Superintendent, it was

ORDERED, That the action of the School Committee on Feb. 18, 1907, whereby Agnes L. Dodge, an assistant in the Hancock District, was granted leave of absence for rest from Jan. 1, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908, is hereby rescinded.

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On the report of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted the following-named teacher, on half-pay, from Jan. 1, 1907, until Jan. 1, 1908, and her resignation accepted to take effect on the latter date:

Hancock District—Agnes L. Dodge, assistant.

ACTING PRINCIPAL, LYMAN DISTRICT.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, stating that by reason of the absence of the principal of the Lyman District on account of illness, he had designated George A. Tyzzer, sub-master in the district, to take charge thereof during such absence or until the position of principal is otherwise filled in accordance with the rules and regulations, to date from Jan. 2, 1908.
Placed on file.

COOKERY TEACHER, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL ARTS.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, stating that under the provisions of an order passed by the Board at the meeting of Sept. 9, 1907, he had designated Helen A. Parker, teacher of cookery in the elementary schools, to give instruction in the Girls' High School of Practical Arts during the school year 1907-08.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had appointed Marion L. Foster as an assistant in his office, to date from Jan. 1, 1908.
Placed on file, and the appointment approved.

MINORS' LICENSES.

The Superintendent submitted the names of five hundred seventeen minors to be licensed to sell newspapers, of twenty-nine to be licensed to black boots, and of five to be licensed to act as pedlers.
Issue of licenses authorized accordingly.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR, DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL.

The Superintendent offered the following:
ORDERED, That the appointment of a temporary assistant instructor in the Dorchester High School in excess of the number allowed by the regulations, is hereby authorized for the remainder of the school year 1907-08, in order to preserve the organization of the school.
Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT, CENTRAL EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the appointment of a clerical assistant in the office of the Principal of the Central Evening High School is hereby authorized for the remainder of the evening school term of 1907-08.

On motion of the Superintendent, it was
ORDERED, That the salary of the clerical assistant in the office of the Principal of the Central Evening High School for the remainder of the evening school term of 1907-08 be fixed at two dollars ($2) per evening for each evening of actual service.

INCIDENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, HIGH SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 20, 1907, with reference to the communication from the head-master of the Roxbury High School, received at the meeting of Dec. 2, 1907, relative to the city assuming the cost of sundry incidental expenses in connection with the administration of such schools which have been borne by the respective principals, and especially that he be reimbursed the cost of certain cards which he has purchased for a catalogue showing the elections made by each pupil in the school under the elective system and for a record of the various classes, recommending that he be reimbursed for his outlay in this direction, and, if it be expedient, that the card system in that school be changed to correspond with those furnished other high schools.
Placed on file.

AMENDMENT TO ELIGIBLE LIST.

A communication was received from the Board of Superintendents, under date of Dec. 23, 1907, reporting the amendment of School Document No. 9, 1907, Second List of Candidates Eligible for Appointment as Teachers, as follows:
Page 18, Normal School Elementary Certificates, Prior to 1907,—Class B (796), Louise C. Scannell, name removed by request.
Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Secretary, under date of Dec. 21, 1907, pursuant to the action of the Board at its meeting of Dec. 16, reporting that the Civil Service Commission has certified the following-named persons as eligible for appointment to the janitorship of the Cook School-house: Joseph P. Niland, George J. Hurley, and John J. Holthaus.
Placed on file.

DEATH OF A JANITOR.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 20, 1907, reporting the death of Michael Gallagher, janitor of the Comins and Cottage-place School-houses, which occurred on Dec. 18, 1907.
Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, COMINS AND COTTAGE-PLACE SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, stating he is of the opinion that it is for the best interests of the department that different janitors be appointed to the Comins and Cottage-place School-houses, as these buildings are located at a considerable distance from each other, and that the Comins School-house is of sufficient size to warrant the constant attention of the janitor in charge thereof.
Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Comins School-house, and recommending the transfer of Samuel A. Dodds, janitor of the Tuckerman School-house, the applicant standing at the head of the list, to said position, to date from Jan. 6, 1908.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the transfer of Samuel A. Dodds to said position was approved from the date stated.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, stating that John Cole, janitor of the Smith-street School-house, is the only applicant for transfer to the janitorship of the Cottage-place School-house, and recommending that he be transferred to said position, to date from Jan. 6, 1908.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr.

Ellis, the transfer of John Cole to said position was approved from the date stated.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 20, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Comins and Cottage-place School-houses, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had appointed George J. Shepard, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 18, 1907.
Placed on file.

Also a further communication, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, reporting the reappointment of George J. Shepard as aforesaid for a further period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 28, 1907.
Approved.

PAYMENT TO GEORGE J. SHEPARD.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, recommending the payment of $35.33 to George J. Shepard for services rendered as acting janitor of the Comins and Cottage-place School-houses, from Dec. 18 to 27, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to George J. Shepard the sum of thirty-five and 33-100 dollars ($35.33) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Comins and Cottage-place School-houses, from Dec. 18 to 27, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP, WYMAN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Wyman School-house, and recommending the transfer of Robert S. Scott, janitor of the Florence-street School-house, the applicant standing at the head of the list, to said position, to date from Jan. 8, 1908.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Ellis, the transfer of Robert S. Scott to said position was approved from the date stated.

JANITORSHIP, CHARLESTOWN EVENING DRAWING SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Charlestown Evening Drawing School, caused by the death of the regular janitor, he had appointed Albert Gile for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 2, 1907.
Placed on file.

PAYMENT TO ALBERT GILE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, recommending the payment of $6.90 to Albert Gile, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Charlestown Evening Drawing School, from Dec. 2 to 13, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Albert Gile the sum of six and 90-100 dollars ($6.90) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Charlestown Evening Drawing School, from Dec. 2 to 13, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP, BOWDOIN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Communications were received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that he had appointed Joseph H. Weston, Mary Watson and Georgiana Wilson, as assistants to the acting janitor of the Bowdoin School-house, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 7, 1907.
Placed on file.

Also a further communication, under date of Dec. 20, 1907, reporting the reappointment of Joseph H. Weston, Mary Watson and Georgiana Wilson as aforesaid, for a further period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 17, 1907.
Approved.

PAYMENTS TO JOSEPH H. WESTON, MARY WATSON, AND GEORGIANA WILSON.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 1, 1908, recommending the payment of $25 to Joseph H. Weston, of $12.50 to Mary Watson, and of $12.50 to Georgiana Wilson, for services rendered as assistants to the acting janitor of the Bowdoin School-house, from Dec. 7 to 21, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Joseph H. Weston the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25), for services rendered as assistant to the acting janitor of the Bowdoin School-house, from Dec. 7 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to expend the sum of twelve and 50-100 dollars ($12.50) for the services of Mary Watson, employed as cleaner at the Bowdoin School-house, under the direction of the Schoolhouse Custodian, from Dec. 7 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to expend the sum of twelve and 50-100 dollars ($12.50) for the services of Georgiana Wilson, employed as cleaner at the Bowdoin Schoolhouse, under the direction of the Schoolhouse Custodian, from Dec. 7 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

JANITORSHIP, QUINCY-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Quincy-street School-house, caused by the resignation of the regular janitor, he had appointed Edward Powers for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 8, 1907.
Placed on file.

Also, a further communication, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, reporting the reappointment of Edward Powers as aforesaid for a further period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 18, 1907.
Approved.

PAYMENTS TO EDWARD POWERS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, recommending the payment of $15.40 to Edward Powers, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Quincy-street School-house, from Dec. 8 to 21, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Ed-

ward Powers the sum of fifteen and 40-100 dollars ($15.40), for services rendered as acting janitor of the Quincy-street School-house, from Dec. 8 to 21, 1907, inclusive.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, recommending the payment of $10.34 to Edward Powers, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Bailey-street and Portable Nos. 70 and 84 School-houses, from Dec. 1 to 4, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Edward Powers the sum of ten and 34-100 dollars ($10.34) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Bailey-street and Portable Nos. 70 and 84 School-houses, from Dec. 1 to 4, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, WALNUT-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, containing a list of applicants for transfer to the janitorship of the Walnut-street School-house, and recommending the transfer of John Walsh, regular substitute janitor, the applicant standing at the head of the list, to said position, to date from Dec. 21, 1907.
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. Brock, the transfer of John Walsh to said position was approved from the date stated.

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On motion of the same member, the Secretary was authorized to make requisition upon the Civil Service Commission for the names of candidates eligible for appointment to the position of substitute janitor, such candidates to hold a second-class engineer's license, or better.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Walnut-street School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Samuel Clark for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 5, 1907.
Placed on file.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 8, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Walnut-street School-house, caused by the transfer of the janitor, he had appointed Frank P. Bartlett, janitor of the Minot School-house, until such time as a regular janitor is appointed, to date from Dec. 8, 1907.
Approved.

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A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, recommending the payment of $5.30 to Samuel Clark, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Walnut-street School-house, from Dec. 5 to 7, 1907, inclusive.
Laid on the table.

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JANITORSHIP, B. F. TWEED SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the B. F. Tweed School-house, caused by the illness of the regular janitor, he had transferred John A. Downey, regular janitor of the Common-street School-house, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 9, 1907.
Placed on file.

JANITORSHIP, COMMON-STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Common-street School-house, caused by the temporary transfer of the regular janitor to the B. F. Tweed School-house, he had appointed Thomas Brennan for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 9, 1907.
Placed on file.

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PAYMENT TO THOMAS BRENNAN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 20, 1907, recommending the payment of $6.65 to Thomas Brennan, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Dec. 9 to 13, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Thomas Brennan the sum of six and 65-100 dollars ($6.65) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Common-street School-house, from Dec. 9 to 13, 1907, inclusive.

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JANITORSHIP, COOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, stating that to fill the vacancy in the janitorship of the Cook School-house, caused by the transfer of the regular janitor, he had appointed Lulu Moore, for a period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 21, 1907.
Placed on file.

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Also a further communication, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, reporting the reappointment of Lulu Moore as aforesaid, for a further period of ten days or less, to date from Dec. 31, 1907.
Approved.

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PAYMENT TO LULU MOORE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, recommending the payment of $13 to Lulu Moore, for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Dec. 21 to 30, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Lulu Moore the sum of thirteen dollars ($13) for services rendered as acting janitor of the Cook School-house, from Dec. 21 to 30, 1907, inclusive.

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BILL OF DANIEL TYNAN.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Jan. 3, 1908, enclosing a bill of Daniel Tynan for janitor service rendered in the temporary school in the ward-room, Ward 7, at the rate of $2 per day, and recommending that he be paid $30 for such service from Nov. 25 to Dec. 31, 1907, inclusive.
Placed on file.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, it was
ORDERED, That there be paid to Daniel Tynan the sum of thirty dollars ($30) for janitor service rendered in the temporary school in the ward-room, Ward 7, from Nov. 25 to Dec. 31, 1907, inclusive.

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SERVICES OF SUBSTITUTE JANITOR.

Reports were received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under dates of Dec. 16 and 20, 1907, and Jan. 3, 1908, of the services

performed by the regular substitute janitor, during the periods from Dec. 3 to 16 and Dec. 17 to 20, 1907, and Dec. 21, 1907, to Jan. 3, 1908, inclusive.

Placed on file.

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COMPENSATION OF JANITORS, ENGLISH HIGH AND PUBLIC LATIN SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, relative to the division of duties and compensation for the janitor service of the English High and Public Latin School-houses, in the event of the employment of a third person to take charge of the heating and ventilating of said buildings.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, laid on the table.

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APPOINTMENT OF A TRUANT OFFICER.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Board proceeded to an election to fill a vacancy in the truant officer force.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to call the roll, and the members as their names were called, respectively stated that they voted as follows:—

For GEORGE A. SARGENT—Messrs. Brock, Ellis, Thomas J. Kenny, William S. Kenny, Storrow—5.

George A. Sargent, the candidate standing at the head of the list certified by the Civil Service Commission, under date of Dec. 18, 1907, was declared duly appointed to the position of truant officer.

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RECESS.

The Board took a recess at 7:35 o'clock P.M.

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At the conclusion of the recess, the members of the Board reassembled in the School Committee Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman at 9:13 o'clock P.M.

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PROMOTION OF JANITORS.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 31, 1907, with reference to the necessity of a change in the present system of promotion for janitors, and the adoption of a more equitable and satisfactory method based on the general efficiency of the janitor, rather than upon length of service alone.

Laid over.

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SCHOOL FURNITURE.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Custodian, under date of Dec. 20, 1907, with reference to school furniture, stating that he is of the opinion that the hygienic conditions will be improved if a desk with a single standard, instead of the present two standards, is adopted, as it will thus be possible to do better work in the matter of sweeping floors, the number of obstacles in the way of the sweeper being reduced to a minimum. A great saving will also be realized in the item of floor brushes.

On motion of Mr. Brock, referred to the Superintendent for consideration and report.

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APPROPRIATION FOR BOOKS AND APPARATUS, NORMAL SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Head-Master of the Normal School, under date of Dec. 19, 1907, requesting that in making up the budget for 1908, a special appropriation of $5500 be made for books and apparatus for the Normal School, and stating his reasons for making this request.

Referred to the Auditor for consideration in connection with the preparation of the budget for the ensuing financial year.

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CARE OF TEETH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Communications were received from Paul G. White, D.M.D., under date of Dec. 16, 1907, requesting that he be allowed to deliver a lecture on the care of teeth of school children in a high school building, and presenting a petition from Edward W. Branigan and seventy-three others, that a lecturer or corps of lecturers be appointed on oral hygiene in the public schools.

Referred to the Board of Superintendents for consideration and report.

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Mr. Brock offered the following:

ORDERED, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 9, paragraph 2. Strike out in the third line of said paragraph the word "and," and insert after the word "arts" in the fourth line, the words:—and supervisor of practice,—so that the paragraph will read as follows:

2. The approval of appointments of directors, principals, medical inspector of special classes, instructor of military drill, supervisor of substitutes, supervisor of household science and arts, and supervisor of practice, shall be by a viva voce vote, each member who is present answering yes or no when his name is called by the secretary, or stating that he declines to vote. The secretary shall record every such vote.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny offered the following:

ORDERED, That the regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 326. Add the following paragraph:

3. The compensation of teachers who retire from the service during the summer vacation shall cease and their resignations shall take effect as of August 31. Teachers who retire during the month of September, and who do not complete said month, shall be paid for each day of actual service rendered during said month.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

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INCREASED YARD ACCOMMODATIONS. FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOL.

A communication was received from the Francis Parkman Parents' Association, under date of Dec. 5, 1907, stating that the yard accommodations at the Francis Parkman School are so limited that the children are unable to get a proper amount of exercise at recess, and suggesting that adjoining land be purchased in the near future.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, referred to the Superintendent.

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ONE DAILY SESSION, ABERDEEN SCHOOL.

Communications were received from Mary L. Potter, Morton G. Baldwin, Effie F. and Lincoln Baxter, J. H. Learned, and Lucy E. and F. H. Baxter, requesting that there be only one daily session of the Aberdeen School, instead of two, as at present.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the communica-

tions were placed on file, and the Secretary directed to reply thereto, stating that the holding of two sessions in the Aberdeen School is in conformity with the settled policy of the Board, which has been decided upon after mature consideration.

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ART EXHIBITIONS IN SCHOOLS DURING SUMMER VACATION.

On motion of Mr. Storrow, it was
ORDERED, That the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts be invited to establish local exhibitions during the summer months in one or more of the fireproof school buildings in the immediate vicinity of the homes of school children and their parents.

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USE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES FOR BASKET BALL GAMES.

Mr. Ellis presented an application on behalf of the South End Social Union, under date of Jan. 2, 1908, for permission to occupy the drill hall in the English High School-house for basket ball purposes during the current school term.
Placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the representative of said Union that the granting of such permission for such purposes would be against the settled policy of the Board with regard to the use of school accommodations by organizations not directly connected with the public schools.

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ASSEMBLY HALL, LEWIS DISTRICT.

Mr. Ellis presented a communication from Charles C. Haines, Principal of the Lewis District, under date of Dec. 16, 1907, calling attention to the need of an assembly hall in that district.
Referred to the Superintendent.

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ACTING AUDITOR.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was
ORDERED, That during the absence of the Auditor from Mar. 1 to June 1, 1908, Fred L. Wetherbee act as Auditor pro tem, and that he be directed to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of his duty during that period, the expense of which shall be paid by the City.

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SALE OF SCHOOL ESTATES.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of His Honor the Mayor to various communications which have been received, relating to the disposal of school estates, and to request him to call a meeting of the Board established under Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1906 for the purpose of considering the same.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman reported that he had received communications from Messrs. I. H. Simpson, H. Hapgood, and George Libby, and the Secretary was directed to send copies thereof to each member of the Board.

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FINANCIAL REPORT.

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, the Auditor was requested to prepare and submit the usual financial report of the School Committee for the year ending Jan. 31, 1908.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Board proceeded to consider its list of unfinished business, and acted thereon as follows:—

Communication from Schoolhouse Custodian, with reference to complaints regarding the heating of the Public Latin School-house, received at the meeting of Oct. 21, 1907. (See p. 151.)
On motion of Mr. Ellis, placed on file.

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Order amending regulations, section 229, paragraph 3; teachers not allowed to participate in voting contests, offered at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See p. 186.)
On motion of the Superintendent, the order passed.

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Order amending regulations, section 297, paragraph 2: appointment of teachers and employees in vacation schools, offered at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See pp. 186, 187.)
On motion of the Superintendent, the order passed.

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Order amending regulations, section 297, paragraph 7: number of teachers, vacation schools, offered at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See p. 187.)
On motion of the Superintendent, the order passed.

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Order amending regulations, section 322: teachers assuming duties of principals or heads of special departments during their absence, offered at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See p. 187.)
On motion of the Superintendent, the order passed.

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Order amending regulations, section 435: truant officer force, offered at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See p. 187.)
On motion of Mr. Storrow, the order was amended to provide that section 435 shall read as follows:
Sect. 435. There shall be a truant officer force, consisting of the chief, and as many subordinate officers as the Board may determine, one of whom may be assigned by the Superintendent from time to time as supervisor of licensed minors.
The order as amended passed.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents, submitting an amendment to the regulations, section 441, paragraphs 2 and 3, received at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See p. 188.)
Placed on file, and on motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the regulations were amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Superintendents.

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Communication from the Auditor, relative to the publication of The Civic Reader for New Americans, received at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907. (See p. 189.)
On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, the communication was placed on file.
On motion of Mr. Ellis, it was
ORDERED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the American Book Company whereby, in consideration of the School Committee transferring to said Company all its right, title and interest in the proposed Civic Reader for New Americans, said Company shall assume the entire cost of publication of said reader; shall deliver to the School Committee without cost to said Committee three hundred (300) unbound copies of said reader; shall, beginning with the year 1908 and annually thereafter, deliver to the School Committee, without cost to said Committee, as many bound copies of said Civic Reader, not exceeding one hundred (100) as may be needed for use in the public evening schools of Boston; shall sell to the School Commitee such additional bound copies of said reader as said Committee may require at a price not exceeding thirty cents ($.30) for each copy; and in considera-

tion of services rendered by members of the Civic Service House and of the Hemenway House in the preparation of material for said reader, these institutions shall be entitled to purchase of said American Book Company such number of bound copies of said reader as they may require at a price not exceeding thirty cents ($.30) for each copy, and that the Corporation Counsel be requested to prepare a form of contract to carry this arrangement into effect for the term of the copyright on said reader.

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Communication from the Superintendent, relative to the lighting of school buildings, laid on the table at the meeting of Apr. 8, 1907. (See pp. 43, 44.)

On motion of Mr. Ellis, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian, relative to the days for the display of flags on school buildings, received at the meeting of Apr. 29, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 57.)

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, taken from the table, and placed on file.

On motion of the same member, the list of days upon which flags should be displayed on the various school buildings as contained in said communication was approved with the following additions: Columbus Day, Oct. 12, and Forefathers' Day, Dec. 21.

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Communication from the Superintendent, relative to the number of books in the high schools, received at the meeting of June 25, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 103.)

On motion of the Superintendent, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian, containing a list of janitors having charge of more than one building, received at the meeting of Sept. 23, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 127.)

On motion of Mr. Ellis, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Superintendent, relative to the telephone service in the Normal and other schools, received at the meeting of Oct. 21, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 148.)

On motion of Mr. Thomas J. Kenny, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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Communication from the Schoolhouse Custodian, relative to the compensation of janitors at municipal concerts, received at the meeting of Dec. 2, 1907, and laid on the table. (See pp. 178, 179.)

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the Music Commission that this Board approves the recommendations of the Schoolhouse Custodian as contained in said communication.

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Mr. Thomas J. Kenny in the chair.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents, relative to the adoption of a course in music reading for the high schools and an expenditure for unbound music selections, received at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 188.)

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, and referred to the Auditor for consideration in connection with the preparation of the budget for the ensuing financial year.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents, relative to the subject of writing in the public schools, received at the meeting of Oct. 21, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 150.)

On motion of Mr. Brock, taken from the table, the recommendations contained therein adopted, and the communication placed on file.

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Communication from the Board of Superintendents, relative to matrons for new high school buildings and evening high schools, received at the meeting of Dec. 16, 1907, and laid on the table. (See p. 189.)

On motion of Mr. Ellis, taken from the table, and placed on file.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Brock, it was

ORDERED, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

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VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Mr. William S. Kenny, it was

ORDERED, That the thanks of the Board are hereby extended to its Chairman, Mr. James J. Storrow, for the dignified, courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year.

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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, the Board adjourned sine die.

Attest:—

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

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